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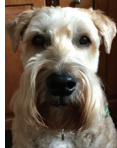


Dan Rivera's team has defeated Willie Lantigua three elections in a row.

Is Lantigua now finished in Lawrence?

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VALLEY PATRIOTS OF THE MONTH

U.S. Navy Seabee, Ray Wilson from Lawrence

Normally this space is reserved for paying tribute to living veterans who have gone off and served our country and then come back to help other veterans.

Last month, however, when the Valley Patriot learned a member of the Valley Patriot family, Ray Wilson had passed away, we also learned for the first time that he was a veteran who served in the United

States Navy, as a Navy Seabee. He was assigned to build the compound at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. He enlisted on March 27, 1956, and was assigned to a Mobile Construction Battalion.

Wilson's wife Joan Anderson Wilson says that because of the events going on in Cuba at the time "they did have arms, but he didn't talk about it to me. All he said

was that they had to be ready for anything they needed.

Growing up we knew Ray as "Uncle Ray" and throughout the nearly 14 years of publishing the Valley Patriot, Ray was always supportive of our efforts in the community. He was also a staple at our annual charity BASH.

Raymond G. Wilson, 81, of Lawrence, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2017, at his home. Born in Lawrence, the son of Roy A. Wilson and Grace W. Wilson on September 25, 1936, Ray graduated from Lawrence High School in 1954 and served his country from 1956 through 1960 as a proud United States Naval Seabee. He spent his four-year tour of duty stationed in Cuba developing military sites.

His first job after leaving the service was for Perini Corporation working on the double 495 bridge over the Merrimack River. Throughout his life, he also worked for several contractors in the local area including N. Pandelena & Sons, George Cairns & Sons, and ended his career with Modern Continental in Boston with the Big Dig and the Route 3 expansion. He retired in 2002 from Teamster Local 379. He loved his family and enjoyed traveling and vacationing, but his favorite time was going to Rockport, Maine, every year and visiting family in Florida several times a year. Ray enjoyed coffee, donuts and old stories every few weeks with sister-in-law, Sandi Kannheiser, and our late brother-in-law, George "Slim" Kannheiser -- that was a must.



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Requiring Prevention and Reporting of College Sexual Violence

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Beginning of Winter

Senator Katy Ives
MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATE

The State Senate unanimously passed a comprehensive bill that would require higher education institutions in MA to set in place requirements on how campus police report and disclose an incident of dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. S.2191 filed by Senator Moore. An Act Concerning Sexual Violence on Higher Education Campuses would also require higher education institutions to adopt policies consistent with Title IX of the federal higher education amendments. Title IX requires all schools receiving federal funds must take immediate and effective steps to respond to sexual violence against their students. The National Sexual Violence Resources Center reported that one in five women and one in sixteen men are sexually assaulted while in college. An estimated 90% of students do not report incidents of sexual violence.

This bill requires all students and staff to receive mandatory annual sexual violence prevention and awareness programming and bystander strategies, be informed about the procedures to report incidents as well as notified of the campus policies including resources and support services available to assault victims on and off campus. It also requires schools to designate a confidential resource advisor which, at the request of the reporting party, can inform them of their options (report to the school, report to the police, report to neither, or report to both) and the resources available to them. Having

a confidential resource can be the difference between someone getting help or remaining silent. In order to have better coordination with appropriate outside resources and services, campuses will be required to establish a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with sexual assault crisis centers. In addition, campuses will be required to develop policies and procedures with local law enforcement that comply with all applicable confidentiality and privacy laws.

The lack of training of campus staff responsible for conducting investigations often leads to negative results and experiences for the accused and victims. This legislation requires that those participating in disciplinary proceedings will receive appropriate training to make sure they are knowledgeable about how to handle these incidents.

A Campus Safety Advisor will be appointed within the Department of Higher Ed. in order to advance state-wide campus safety initiatives. This advisor with public safety experience will serve as a resource for schools and provide guidance on policies, as well as share best practices, training opportunities, and other resources to enhance campus safety.

With the uncertainty on the federal level regarding sexual assault policies, the passage of this legislation is timely. Although this legislation will not end campus assaults, it will set in place uniformity on prevention and reporting. The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for their consideration.

Al Kaprielian
VALLEY PATRIOT WEATHERMAN

Welcome to November which marks the last month of hurricane season. The last day of hurricane season is November 30th. During November the days continue to get shorter and the nights longer. We will have to go through early sunsets. The sun angle continues to get lower in the sky.

As this occurs we will continue to see our daily high temperatures continuing to fall. Snow has occurred during the month of November. Time will tell if we see any snow this November. It is also possible to see warm weather during the month of November.

Temperatures in the 70s have occurred during the month of November. Boston even saw an 83 degree temperature on November 2, 1950. Recapping October we saw a very mild month. Temperatures averaged 7.5 degrees above normal for Boston in October.

The average temperature was 61.4 degrees. This ranks #2 for the warmest October on record. The #1 all time warmest October was 61.5 degrees in 1947. This October fell just short from being #1. For Manchester, New Hampshire the average temperatures for October was 59.6 degrees. This was 8.8 degrees above normal. The reason for the warm October was the upper level sub-tropical ridge of high pressure over the Atlantic Ocean. This high strengthened and expanded to the north/northwest along the east coast.

This upper level high pressure pushed the jet stream to our north. This put our region on the south side of the jet stream which is the warm side. This caused many days in October where the temperatures reached 70 degrees and higher. As a result it felt more like summer than fall. Besides the warm weather in October, the other weather feature was the big storm which occurred on Sunday evening October 29th into early Monday morning October 30th. This storm

produced a couple of inches of rain. The big issue with this storm was the strong damaging winds which knocked out the power in lots of towns. The power was out in many areas for a few to several days. We saw winds over hurricane force with this storm. Hurricane force is 74 miles per hour. The winds gusted to 93 mile per hour at Mashpee on Cape Cod. Fairhaven MA saw a gust to 76 miles per hour. Wellfleet on Cape Cod had a gust to 72 miles per hour. Nantucket had a wind gust to 70 miles per hour. Duxbury MA had a wind gust to 80 miles per hour. These strong winds caused many trees and power lines to fall. The reason for the strong winds was a strong low level jet stream associated with the storm. In addition to the coastal low pressure system was tropical storm Philippe which merged with the coastal storm. This merging enhanced the strong winds. The only positive was the fact that these two storms which merged were progressive.

They moved through our region fairly quickly. This prevented us from getting a lot more rain than we got. It also prevented the strong winds from lasting for a longer period of time. There was a lot of energy/dynamics in the atmosphere to make this an intense storm. This is not a weather forecast; however, I feel we will see a lot more intense storms in the coming weeks and days. If strong low level jet streams continue to occur, this will cause more strong winds with future storms. As we move into the winter season, the jet stream is known to get stronger. If you do not have a generator it may be a good idea to purchase one seeing all the power outages with the past storm. Remember when you run the generator it has to be located far away from your house outside!! After the big storm, we saw a period of more tranquil weather; enjoy it while it lasts. I have a feeling we will see more intense storms in the future. Next month we will recap November weather and talk about winter storms. We will also recap this year's hurricane season. In the meantime enjoy the rest of the fall season.

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Google/Facebook Censorship - Greatest Threat to Democracy

If They Can Track and Censor Content About Gays/Women, Why Can't They Track The Terrorists?

We are continually told by the executives of Google, Facebook, and Twitter that they do not have the capability to track or censor Muslim terrorists who use social media to plan and carry out murder against those who oppose their Islamic agenda.

Yet, these same social media monopolies seem to have no problem using computer programs to search out and censor unpopular views on holy grail issues like gay marriage, feminism or any contemporary, conservative political views that do not comport with their religion of political correctness.

A few months ago the publisher of this newspaper posted a provocative Facebook message challenging the hypocrisy of those who simultaneously claim women should be treated “equally” yet also cry sexism when women are treated equally bad. The point was that women are either uniquely different, or they aren’t. It was intended to spark debate and discussion on an issue some laughingly call “sexism”.

Facebook computer bots searching their database for terms they arbitrarily (and secretly) have deemed “too offensive” for

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**Tom Duggan**
Sooooo American women are SO fragile... and SO weak, and SUCH delicate little flowers incapable of emotionally handling ... COMMENTS.. you know.... like ... WORDS .. in the workplace that we have to have laws protecting them from words ... you know .. words... spoken by MEN about their looks as a result people like Bill O'Reilly are drummed out of his job.... on the other hand... don't you dare judge women as fragile weaklings to be treated any differently than men because ... well EQUALITY!

Facebook. In fact, several of my Facebook friends got text messages with a link to that particular post, asking each Facebook user to view the post and report it to Facebook if they deem it “offensive” or “hateful”.

Then there’s Google.

In our efforts to understand the street gangs dropping bodies all over Lawrence, our volunteers spent an inordinate amount of time on Google and Bing last month searching for graffiti images and gang hand-signals used by the various gangs causing violence in the city.

What we found was “staggering”. With the trillions of bits of data on the internet about these violent street gangs, Google and Bing would have you believe only ONE image for the Trinitario street gang and ZERO images for several others have ever been uploaded to the internet.

That’s not because these images don’t exist.

It’s because the tech companies have used computer programs to censor your access to them.

For more than 200 years Americans have believed that the greatest threat to free speech and a constitutional republic was government censorship of speech and ideas deemed unpopular by our government elites and elected leaders.

But, in the age of technology, what we

have learned these two centuries later is that while we were vigilant guarding against government censorship, we took our eyes off the ball when it came to monopoly tech companies using their platforms to silence views and information that they alone subjectively deem “hateful”.

We believe that it’s time for congress and the president to hold these companies accountable, properly categorize them as monopolies and the public utilities that they are.

We also believe, given what we have learned about their capabilities to censor political messages, that they have, and have always had, the ability to stop Muslim terrorists from using their platforms to plan and commit acts of violence and murder.

What we find most frightening is that these tech companies have clearly shown us all what their priorities are when it comes to what they find “dangerous” in our free society, and what they dismiss as benign. Clearly Muslim terrorist have more rights on line, than law abiding American citizens.

North Andover Residents Form Osgood Revitalization Coalition

North Andover residents and former Selectmen Tom Licciardello and James Xenakis today announced the creation of the Osgood Revitalization Coalition, a grassroots coalition of concerned North Andover citizens committed to the revitalization of 1600 Osgood Street.

“This landmark property used to employ more than 10,000 people and was our town’s primary economic driver,” said Licciardello. “It has been almost 15 years since Lucent left, and it’s about time for this massive, completely underutilized property to be restored to its former glory!”

As coalition co-chairs, Licciardello and Xenakis are working with hundreds of North Andover citizens to rally support for the new Massachusetts Innovation Works proposal, the development of a world-leading center for research, innovation and manufacturing of pharmaceutical-grade cannabis products, medical devices and pharmaceuticals solutions. Its goal is to fast-track scientific breakthroughs in the highly promising field of cannabis medical research.

“North Andover deserves the revenue, job creation, and economic boost the

Massachusetts Innovation Works development will bring to our community,” said Xenakis. “It is extremely rare that a new industry emerges. Our community has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be on the ground floor of an industry with seemingly limitless potential for growth.”

In less than 24 hours since the Coalition began its effort to organize local citizens, close to 200 North Andover residents have signed up to become active public supporters of this initiative.

At North Andover’s Annual Town Meeting in May, a large majority of North Andover voters were in favor of a Warrant Article that would have allowed for the development of 1600 Osgood Street into a biotechnology campus focused on research, innovation and commercialization of cannabis-based medical, regulatory, horticultural, and law enforcement solutions.

“While generally supportive of the project, town leadership made it clear that they wanted more time to vet it,” said Licciardello. “In response, property owner and project visionary Jeff Goldstein assembled a project dream-team made up of cannabis industry leaders from across



the globe.”

The project team has developed a comprehensive proposal for The Massachusetts Innovation Works, which has been shared with town leadership. For the past five months, the team has worked closely with the North Andover Board of Selectmen and Planning Board to review every possible impact, both positive and negative, that this development could have on the town from an environmental, social and economic standpoint. The proposal includes investments of over \$100 Million into the project, with town revenues from building permit fees beginning almost immediately.

The Town of North Andover is currently

in the final stages of crafting a comprehensive Marijuana Bylaw that will include The Massachusetts Innovation Works development. Town officials are planning to bring this proposed bylaw before the town for a vote in the coming months.

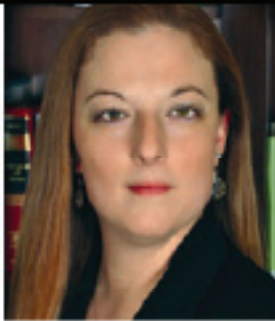
The Osgood Revitalization Coalition will be reaching out directly to North Andover citizens to help residents better understand the details and benefits of this proposal, and will be hosting house parties and informational meetings in the coming months. North Andover residents are encouraged to join the conversation and get involved, both in person and online at www.OsgoodCoalition.com and on Facebook @TheOsgoodProject

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Crisis Intervention Team Training for Police Officers

Linda Dean Campbell
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a very timely annual breakfast where Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, Essex County Sheriff Kevin Copping and our Merrimack Valley Police Chiefs briefed us on the most current trends and challenges. I am thankful to the Chamber led by Haverhill City Councilor Joe Bevilacqua for the timing of this discussion as the MA House of Representatives begins debate on criminal justice reform.

In the presentations by all our law enforcement leaders at this forum, the challenge of effectively and compassionately addressing the crisis they encounter with an increasing number of cases related to individuals in mental illness crisis was front and center. Our Chiefs indicate that on average 30-40% of their calls are related to individuals in some form of mental health crisis. The addiction crisis, of course, is directly related to this issue, as the wait times for mental health care in the Commonwealth remain at unacceptable levels.

Currently approximately 25% of state correctional inmates and 50% of county jail and house of correction detainees and inmates receive some mental health services. It is worth noting that nearly half of fatal police shootings from 2005-2015 involved individuals who were suicidal, mentally ill, or showed signs of mental health crisis.

Massachusetts was a leader in recognizing the inhumane conditions that had festered in our mental health institutions. That is why Massachusetts deinstitutionalized care by moving our mental health system to a community based approach.

The problem is that while the legislature has made some recent investments in outpatient mental health care, a significant legacy of deinstitutionalizing care has been to make mental health calls a large part of the job of police officers.

To address this issue I have worked with law enforcement, my colleagues in the Legislature, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Massachusetts (NAMI MA) to file legislation to increase access to proven training for officers. This model, referred to as Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training, focuses on hands-on training instructed by officers with substantial experience in this field. Research on the CIT model has shown it to be effective in improving officer safety, keeping individuals with mental illness out of jail and helping individuals with mental health needs to get treatment. The legislation I filed focuses on ensuring that 25% of officers in the state of Massachusetts receive this training.

The great work that law enforcement leaders in Essex County are doing to divert individuals to programs that will keep them out of jail and help them become productive citizens cannot be overstated. As DA Blodgett explained, we are 49th in the Country for our percentage of incarceration even though we have the third highest population density. Law enforcement is clearly and effectively focused on rehabilitation. Crisis Intervention Team Training is one more tool to help them in their efforts.

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Methuen Student Recognized for Commitment to Local Nonprofit

On Sunday, October 15th, 11-year-old Kailey Moras of Methuen, MA was recognized by The Mary Jo Brown Foundation, a charity that is focused on making a difference in people's lives through various programs and acts of service. Moras was named the grand prize winner of the Mary Jo Brown Foundation Kindness Campaign at the Annual Indoor Luau for her continued efforts to support nonprofit, Cradles to Crayons®.

Since 2014, Moras has supported Cradles to Crayons by organizing clothing collections for local children in need. Rather than receiving birthday presents, Moras prefers to collect and donate items for those less fortunate. In December 2016, Moras donated over 500 items to the Cradles to Crayons Giving Factory,

including onesies, 2t/3t sized items, hats, gloves and more!

Kailey collects these items and spreads awareness through her Facebook page, Kailey's Fantabulous Fundraising. Through the channel, Kailey is able to engage and encourage her followers to support her goal through monetary and product donations.

The Mary Jo Brown Foundation's Kindness Campaign aims to encourage young people to join in spreading smiles and recognizes children up to the age of 18 years who have selflessly gone above and beyond to help others. As this year's grand prize winner, Moras won a trip for four to Disney World, along with \$500 spending money in the form of Visa gift cards.




Home Invasion in Methuen

METHUEN – Methuen police responded to a home invasion on Grove Street last month, after neighbors called saying that a woman and her son were at home when three men with ski masks kicked in the door and seized the apartment. The caller said there were shots fired in the apartment but that turned out to be the sound of the doors being kicked in, according to witnesses. When police arrived they found that a home invasion occurred next door to a woman and her son. One person was in the apartment when three men invaded the home. Nothing was taken and the man had no injuries.

Police called in crime scene investigators to process the apartment and called for a K9 to search the apartment. Witnesses tell the Valley Patriot that the occupant of the apartment spoke no English but identified his attackers as "Hispanic" telling police, through an interpreter, that he could not understand the attacker's demands because they only spoke in English.

Police are still looking for a grey Honda with a primer colored front fender. It is an older model Civic with three men who are armed and extremely dangerous.

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Judge Denies Restraining Order vs. Valley Patriot Newspaper/Columnist

Public Employee Loretta Cooke of Methuen Claims Harassment

Loretta Cooke of Overlook Drive in Methuen filed a restraining order against Valley Patriot columnist Dr. Bharani Padmanabhan claiming his columns, mentioning her in the paper, were “harassment” asking Judge Michael Ulharik for a restraining order against him and The Valley Patriot from writing about her or taking or publishing her photograph.

Cooke is a public employee with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine, and is intimately connected to a case involving Dr Padmanabhan’s license to practice being suspended by the board. Padmanabhan has chronicled the board’s actions extensively over the last few years in the printed pages of this newspaper.

Judge Michael Ulharik asked Cooke in a hearing at Lawrence District Court if any of her complaints met the statutory definition of harassment. He explained that there has to be 3 requirements that meet the statutory definition of harassment for her to prevail in court.

She failed to prove even one of the legal elements of harassment.

A FRAUD ON THE COURT

Cooke began in open court by complaining about the presence of Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan in the courtroom and told the judge that pic-

tures taken by Duggan at the hearing was only the most recent instance of harassment, saying Padmanabhan orchestrated Duggan’s presence in the courtroom to “intimidate” her by taking her photo.

Judge Ulharik asked Cooke how she knew Dr. Padmanabhan had conspired with Duggan to take photos in the courtroom for the purpose of intimidation, but Cooke replied that she merely inferred the harassment because Padmanabhan “works for The Valley Patriot as a blogger.”

NO PHOTOS

The judge asked Mr. Duggan to approach the bench in a sidebar conversation asking Duggan his purpose in the courtroom and then recessed as court clerks called the Supreme Judicial Court to check the press credentials and see if Duggan was registered with the court to take photos during session.

The Valley Patriot registered with the court in 2012 when Superior Court Judge Conetta instructed Duggan in open court to register [during a first amendment lawsuit] before he was allowed to continue covering that trial. Those credentials were provided to Judge Conetta and Duggan was allowed back in his courtroom.

Nonetheless, Mr. Duggan’s registration could not be found and Judge Ulharik told

Duggan that he could remain in court, but that any photos taken that day had to be deleted and that no more photos could be taken.

TESTIMONY RESUMES

When testimony resumed, Dr. Padmanabhan clarified for the court that he is not an employee and is only a contributing columnist for the paper and is unpaid. “I am not an employee,” Padmanabhan told the court.

Judge Ulharik asked Cooke if she had any other instances of harassment by Dr. Padmanabhan or The Valley Patriot.

Cooke said that Duggan harassed her “numerous times” appearing at the Board of Medicine hearings on “multiple occasions”, taking photos of her in her “workplace” and publishing stories about her.

[EDITORS NOTE: The Valley Patriot only attended one hearing with the Board of Medicine and only took one photo of Cooke seen here. That photo was never published. Ms. Cooke’s name has never appeared in The Valley Patriot newspaper, either on-line or in print until now.]

“This woman is a public employee. She has apparently forgotten what the word public means,” Dr. Padmanabhan said.

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Lowell: A Tale of a City Split in Two

John MacDonald
VALLEY PATRIOT LOWELL COLUMNIST

As predicted since the inception of the debate surrounding the destiny of Lowell High School, the City of Lowell is divided. As municipal Election Day looms, the debate of where Lowell High School will welcome students for the next 100 years has turned its residents against one another. Whether you believe Lowell High School should remain Downtown or head to the Cawley Stadium location, if you’ve been involved, there seems to be no middle ground. Various news sources throughout the City of Lowell, have reported their opinions and the contentious debate rages on social media as well.

Never in the history of the city has one issue been so divisive, exploited for political purpose and or personal gain. The destiny of LHS is the dividing line between those with political power and those without it. Two political action committees were created by differing sides of the issue, one with entrenched deep pocketed donors, the other more grass root and less funded. The municipal election on Tuesday, November 7th may decide who will make the ultimate decision as to where the high school will be located, but the wounds from this debate will rage on for years.

Below are my predictions for what will transpire if a Pro-Cawley council is elected and what will transpire if a Pro-Downtown council is elected.

Pro- Cawley

- The newly elected council will vote to fund the new High School located at Cawley Stadium.
- A new master plan will be created for the Downtown harnessing its true economic development potential.
- A brand-new campus style environment for a newly constructed High School will pave the way for both aca-

ademic and athletic achievement.

- New residents will be attracted to Lowell and move to Lowell to start families.
- The Pro-Downtown supporters will file endless lawsuits to prevent the new school, but in the end, even they will appreciate the ultimate success of the decision.
- Commonsense will guide the city under this new council and the leadership of the Kevin Murphy Administration.
- Lowell will prosper.

Pro - Downtown

- The current vote of the sitting city council will be overturned by a new city council.
- The downtown option will be chosen in a reversed decision.
- Eminent domain takings will put existing businesses out of business and put pressure on other existing downtown businesses.
- The downtown will experience a mass exodus of existing downtown businesses.
- Downtown residents will flee the downtown, due to the overnight construction, street closures and congestion.
- Property tax rates will soar in Lowell, creating residents to move.
- The student population will dwindle from middleclass residents as parents will choose to send their kids to surrounding community schools and or private schools.
- Kevin Murphy will be immediately fired and replaced by most likely Eileen Donoghue or another Belvidere resident as the new city manager.

Soon the people of Lowell will know the results of the election and hopefully ... A tale of a City in 2 ... over time will become a unified great city it once was, not so long ago.



Psychological Center Raises \$50K+ to Raise Awareness, Saves Lives

This year’s Psychological Center’s Overcoming Obstacles Gala – Unmasking Stigma was held on Friday, October 13, 2017 with a sold-out crowd of more than 250 guests. The event raised more than \$50,000, and the beautiful event space and food were generously hosted by Michael Agricola, Salvatore’s Italian Restaurant. All monies raised are used for treatment and services at Daybreak Shelter, Pegasus House, and Women’s View related to homelessness, addiction, and mental health issues. The generosity of our sponsors made the evening a great success: supporting sponsor Pentucket Bank, was accompanied by table sponsors: Pfizer, Foster Sullivan Insurance, Celticare Health, Middlesex Healthcare Services, Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union, SPS New England, and the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center.

Speaking to the sold-out crowd, Carina Pappalardo, Chief Executive Officer, expressed “We must all educate the community about the need to come together to end addiction and homelessness — this starts by unmasking stigma. This important fundraiser brings awareness to the current homeless situation and the increasing addiction crisis not only in the state,

but in our neighborhoods and homes.”

The goal of the gala is to empower more women to enter and succeed at treatment, support family reunification, and help keep mothers and fathers from the agony of writing obituaries about their children. The night was an invitation — an opportunity to show those who are desperate for help in the community that they are not forgotten. The event highlighted the growing number of homeless individuals in Lawrence, and through the crowd’s generosity, more individuals will receive resources in Daybreak Shelter instead of being desperate on the streets. The work of the Psychological Center and the Gala are steps in the right direction to bring awareness and unmask stigma.

During the Gala three people were honored with awards: Anna Moore was honored for her Recovery; Kevin O’Brien was honored as a Veteran in Recovery; and Donna Rivera was honored as a Community Partner. In attendance were State Representative Diana DiZoglio; Methuen Councilor at Large Jennifer Aziz-Kannan; and many community partner agencies who work together to support The Psychological Center.



Methuen Election Recap

Methuen is broken up into 3 voting districts; the East, Central, and West districts. Methuen voters get to elect two people to serve on the city council from each of the districts in the city. Methuen voters also get to elect three At-Large city councilors (elected city wide).

The city council is responsible for passing the city’s budget, passes local ordinances, approves department heads and must approve certain contracts.

Elected this month were:
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Jessica Finocchiaro
Ryan Hamilton

EAST DISTRICT

Steve Saba
Eunice Zeigler

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Joyce Campagnone
James McCarthy

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George Kazanjian
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DJ Deeb



STEVE SABA



Volunteers laid out hundreds of flags at the Bellevue Cemetery on the Lawrence/Methuen line, for Veterans Day. Pictured above are ROTC John F. Helbert, David Goulet, and Fred Carberry, foreman of the Bellevue Cemetery.



The Andover Fire Chief and the Andover Fire Department were given a very prestigious award last month at the Andover Country Club by American Training called the “Life Matters Award”. Pictured above are Fire Chief Michael Mansfield with Eric Teichert and Suzanne Teichert.

Scola’s Reborn - This is Not Your Father’s Scola’s

Before Tony and Brenda Furtado bought Scola’s restaurant in Dracut, it was known as a place people “used to go for dinner”.

“I used to run the restaurant with my parents when I was a kid,” says Scola’s owner Tony Furtato. “I worked for the DeCarlo family, my brother and I came in and worked for them for a long time before my father eventually bought it. We learned the job from them. They took us in, taught us the business and we developed a love for cooking and food service.”

After buying Scola’s, Tony’s parents ran the restaurant for years and while he worked there for a short time, he went off to do other things. “I started Orange Leaf and was having fun doing that. I had no interest in coming back. I was young and wanted to venture off. But, I got it out of my system, and when I found out my parents were going to sell Scola’s, I took every penny I had and came back and bought the restaurant. It wasn’t given to us. My wife and I worked very hard to buy the restaurant.”

REBUILDING FOOD SERVICE FUNDAMENTALS

“When I came back as the new owner it wasn’t really the same place it used to be. Nothing against my parents at all, or the previous owners, but it needed a make-over. I think my parents were here a long time and they just didn’t love it anymore.”

Furtato says that at the end of the day, his parents had trusted the wrong people to manage the business for them, and “Scola’s became the place people USED to go for dinner and drinks.”

“So, when I bought the place from my parents, I literally had to remake everything from the ground up.”

Furtato says that with all the changes in the menu and environment it didn’t take long before “people started noticing, “people who had stopped coming here started coming back. Word of mouth was spread-

ing that this was a new Scola’s, a Scola’s reborn, a place to come back to.”

EVERYTHING MADE FROM SCRATCH

“We like to say, there’s food from a bag and then there’s food from Scola’s. The public needs to know the difference. You can taste the difference. Come and taste it and tell me I’m wrong. Food from scratch just tastes better and we make everything from scratch, we even hand-roll the dough. Other restaurants say they cook from scratch but everything comes from a bag pre-made and pre-prepped.”

“Our steaks are certified Angus. I don’t even make that much on them, it’s like \$24.99. You can’t get a certified Angus, 14-ounce steak for that price.”

“Some people think you have to go to a steak house for a good steak. That’s baloney. When I used to work at Outback all the sauces came out of a bag pre-made. We are not just an Italian restaurant; we are an Italian-American, seafood-fusion kind of restaurant. We are old school, but fused an Italian menu with great seafood and other things. My head chef is super talented. We have a team that sits with me and we will come up with new menu items. It’s a real kitchen; we come up with real stuff.

WORKING AS A TEAM

Tony and Brenda say being married and running a business together can be stressful but successful.

“It’s not easy sometimes,” Tony admits. “The stress level of running a business in and of itself is horrible every day. Add to that a marriage at home and at work, and it gets difficult. But, overall it’s great, we work well together, and it makes some things easier because we can work anything out. But, it does put a lot of stress on the relationship.”

Brenda says that working as a team with Tony is easy because they are both



good at different things. “Tony handles the kitchen; I do the back end stuff. While he is working up a new recipe, or cooking, I’m doing the bookkeeping, the bills, scheduling, working with the girls, the up-front servers. I see my role as keeping everything flowing. I can help the servers if they get busy, and resolve any issues that come up inside the restaurant. I also try to introduce myself to everyone who

comes in. Sometimes we are so tired and stressed when we get home at the end of the night, that we want to kill each other,” she said laughing.

“But, it’s really rewarding when you love your job. Not long ago a little girl came in with her family and she was all dressed up. I asked the family what was the occasion, was she coming from a com-

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munion, or a pageant, or something? They said, ‘no, this is her favorite restaurant and when we told her we were going to Scola’s she wanted to get all dressed up for it.”

PLEASING PEOPLE

We are in a business where you are always trying to please people. You can get 1,500 positive comments but when you get one person who isn’t happy, you stress over it and you take it to heart. It’s very different when you are the guy who cooked the meal and someone isn’t satisfied with your work. That’s how I take it. It’s hard to remove yourself when you are so vested. But, this is the service industry and there are moments when you have to let the customer be right.

Last month when Tony and Brenda got a call from a customer asking if they could do a delivery, they initially said no. But, after talking to the woman they found out she had young kids and had just had chemotherapy. “She was too weak to go

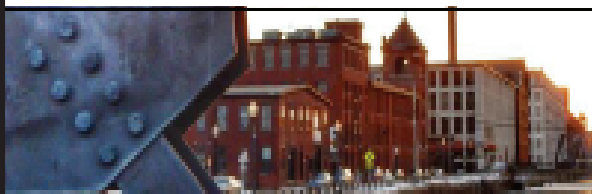


anywhere, so we stopped what we were doing and we delivered her Scola’s food.

Those are the days you go home feeling good because you know you really helped someone.

Tony and Brenda also sponsor various charities and have reached out to Veterans Assisting Veterans for an upcoming fundraiser.

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Drug Manufacturer Illegally Marketed Fentanyl; Paid, Disguised Kickbacks

BOSTON – An opioid manufacturer will pay \$500,000 to resolve allegations that it engaged in a widespread scheme to unlawfully market its fentanyl spray and paid kickbacks to providers to persuade them to prescribe the product, Attorney General Maura Healey announced today.

The consent judgment entered today in Suffolk Superior Court resolves allegations that Insys Therapeutics, Inc. misleadingly marketed Subsys, a narcotic fentanyl product that is sprayed under a patient’s tongue. Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is estimated to be 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine and 30 to 50 times more powerful than heroin.

“Fentanyl is a powerful and highly addictive drug with deadly consequences, yet this opioid maker aggressively marketed its product and made illegal payments to providers to boost sales,” said AG Healey. “Drug companies cannot endanger the health and safety of patients to increase their own profits.”

The AG’s Office began an investigation into Insys’ marketing of Subsys in 2014.

The investigation revealed that between 2012 and 2014, Insys marketed the product for use in treating pain in non-cancer patients, even though there is no evidence that Subsys is safe and effective for such use and the FDA had approved the product only for use in cancer patients. The company also made misleading statements that Subsys was appropriate to treat “mild” pain, including citing a study that



specifically states that it is only appropriate for “moderate to severe” breakthrough pain in cancer patients.

Insys’ compensation system also incentivized its sales representatives to aggressively market Subsys for any and all potential uses regardless of the safety or efficacy of such use.

The AG’s investigation revealed that the company paid kickbacks to clinicians to induce them to prescribe Subsys and disguised the kickbacks as fees paid to speak to other health care providers about the product.

The settlement money will help fund the AG’s prevention, education and treatment efforts. In addition to the payment to the AG’s Office, the settlement requires Insys to ensure that its marketing and promotional practices do not unlawfully promote Subsys and that its employees do not pay kickbacks to physicians or other prescribers.

This matter was handled by Assistant Attorney General Eric Gold, Chief of AG Healey’s Health Care Division and Assistant Attorney General Michael Wong, also of the AG’s Health Care Division.

Lawrence Overreach in Trump Suit Puts All Residents at Risk

Joe D’Amore
VALLEY PATRIOT CONTRIBUTOR

The City of Lawrence has placed wide swathes of the population at risk with its suit against the federal government in defending dubious principles of local sovereignty. It has joined the City of Chelsea in a nationwide trend of municipalities engaging in activism. Lawrence has a proud immigrant history, but that pride is based on immigrant’s thrift, sacrifice and conformity to laws.

I am an immigrant with a past of immigration problems. My family worked through a period of adversity and I became a naturalized citizen at age 18. We worked hard, contributed to our community and achieved the American Dream. This is the pathway that has brought honor to Lawrence.

The city has shockingly decided to pursue a mandate of social justice; that is to defend its “Trust Act”(Sanctuary status) at the expense of economic justice. Do its leaders have a contingency plan in the event they fail to prevail in their suit?

What’s at stake is that some of the poorest and “at-risk” residents in the Commonwealth; namely children, could be dramatically undercut in funding of programs that support basic needs. The federal government delivered \$37.8 million in the fiscal year that ended June 30th. This money supports very well managed, city-run programs that deliver among other things, much needed food. There is widespread food

insecurity in Lawrence and officials should be prioritizing the feeding of children over the defense of not cooperating with federal authorities over inquiries of illegal immigrants who are suspected of committing serious crimes.

Additionally, \$15 million more for other programs administered by the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council assist at-risk families with heating subsidies (over 10,000) and day care for 700 children of the working poor among other things.

Finally, there is a particularly serious issue with addiction and homelessness in the city. There are veterans and American citizens who have fallen on hard times, that are living under bridges and roaming the streets without a definable path to access needed programs. Why doesn’t the city focus on them?

The leadership of the city should transfer the defending of lofty principles that are at odds with the economic security of its residents, to its congressional delegation. They should be lobbied to engage with the Trump administration to seek relief from perceived federal excesses over local authority. In doing so, there will be no threat of withdrawal of needed federal funds and the city can stay focused in their direct area of responsibility - the protection of its law-abiding residents.

Lawrence’s ill-conceived participation and overreach with municipalities engaging directly with federal authorities over a dispute can lead to disastrous consequences . It should be shuttered now.

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“What’s more, she lied to the court. Mr. Duggan has only attended one hearing and to my knowledge has never even had a conversation with her. I have never written about her and to my knowledge neither has Mr. Duggan.”

Judge Ulharik asked Cooke several times if she had any other instances where she was harassed by Dr. Padmanabhan or Mr. Duggan, to which she finally admitted “no”.

“That’s not harassment, anything else,” the judge asked.

“No”, she replied again after pausing.

Hearing that, the judge ruled that Loretta Cooke had no legal claim of harassment against either the paper or columnist Dr. Padmanabhan, and ruled that no restraining order would be issued, dismissing the case.

BACKGROUND

Dr. Padmanabhan has had an ongoing battle with the Board of Medicine claiming that because he exposed Medicare fraud at his Cambridge Hospital, he was targeted by Cooke and the Board of Medicine.

Cooke was the lead investigator in that case and statutorily mandated to conduct an impartial investigation on behalf of the taxpayers.

Instead, Padmanabhan claims, she saw her duty as aligning herself with his employer, Rachel Nardin at Cambridge Health Alliance in Cambridge.

Documents show that Cooke coordinated closely with her to present Ms. Nardin’s narrative as the board’s own independent result, which records show it was not.

Eventually the board enlisted the help of another investigator who simply rewrote Nardin’s original report and never interviewed or adequately investigated Padmanabhan.

Dr. Padmanabhan’s license was eventu-

ally suspended.

“So we have an alleged investigation where one party was never contacted at all. One side of the story was never sought. I submit that was not an impartial investigation, what she did was carry the water for one party and now that she’s being sued she wants to silence me.”

“From that point in 2013 to today we have never said a word to each other or even shaken hands, which makes the report that she was harassed by me to be a perfect example of a fraud upon the court.”

Padmanabhan says he will be filing a criminal complaint against Cooke for filing a false police report and making fraudulent claims to the court.

“As a physician, even a hint of violence against women or harassing women would mandate me to report every time I go to a job. This could have done me great professional harm. I argue the allegation alone has already done me harm. I believe that’s why she tried this foolish action against me and a newspaper that has never even published her name. She knows I have a lawsuit against her and the board. She is desperately trying to not only destroy my credibility for that lawsuit, but prevent The Valley Patriot from reporting on it. She failed, and now I believe it will be easier for me to get Mr. Duggan to cover this case, as he has been somewhat reluctant to do so up until now.”

Dr. Padmanabhan continued to see his patients for over seven years, without being paid, after the board suspended his ability to bill insurance.

His lawsuit against the Board of Medicine will be covered extensively by The Valley Patriot.

[The Valley Patriot has never lost a case in court after 8 appearances in 8 different cases involving the first amendment and other issues.]

OBITUARY: Al Savastano

Alberico (Albert/Butch) Savastano, 81, passed away on November 4, 2017 at the Holy Family Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Al, the youngest of the late Alberico and Assunta (DeLuca) Savastano’s 12 children, was born in Lawrence on December 4, 1935. He was a lifelong resident of Lawrence, where he attended public schools, graduating from Lawrence High in 1954. Al’s love for his country led him to enlist in January 1955, serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict as a C-124 flight line Crew Chief. Upon discharge he attended Bentley School of Business.

In December of 1959, Al met Maureen, the love of his life, w;hom he married in September 1962; together they raised four children and were blessed with 16 grandchildren and nine great- grandchildren. Al was happiest when spending time with his family. He coached his daughters’ softball teams, went tuna fishing with his son, and enjoyed countless days with his family at Seabrook Beach. He took pleasure in watching his children’s and grandchildren’s sporting and dance events, and attending their school functions. Al was an exceptional cook who could prepare a meal for two or 40 at any given time, and loved cooking for his family, especially on holidays. The aroma of sauce, meatballs, veal cutlets, pizza, and fried dough was always present in his kitchen. Al’s famous pepper cookies were loved by all.

Al and Maureen loved to travel. One of their favorite destinations was St. Martin, where they made lasting friendships and many wonderful memories. They enjoyed yearly road trips to Florida, and visiting

the casinos at Mohegan Sun, Foxwoods, and Atlantic City. Al always enjoyed a good game of cards—his favorites were 45s and poker.

During his lifetime, Al had several careers, including one as a restaurateur. He owned two establishments: Florentina



Luncheonette in Lawrence and, in partnership with his brother Guido, the Savastano Florentina at Salisbury Beach. Upon closing the restaurants, Al went to work for the City of Lawrence Water Department. During his tenure, he achieved several positions, eventually retiring as the Water Commissioner in 1996.

Most importantly, Al’s outgoing personality, caring heart, and devotion to family and friends made him easy to love—and loved he was.

Al will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife of 55 years, Maureen (Driscoll) Savastano of Lawrence; children Maureen and husband George Abdallah of Methuen, Albert and wife Kelley (Bernard) of Lawrence, Lisa and husband Douglas Brady of Bradford, Patricia of Lawrence; grandchildren Nicholas, Jeffrey, Jared, Travis, Trevor, Philip, Paul, Felecia, Veronica, Albert, Michael, David, Elizabeth, Victoria, Justin, Jacob; great-grandchildren Dylan, Blake, Nathaniel, Jaxon, Jordyn, Juliette, Isabelle, Eli, Aubree; siblings Dante Savastano, Concetta (Connie) Cunha, both of Seabrook Beach, Olga Grossi of Methuen; sisters-in-law Sheila and husband Robert Grimes of Windsor, CT and Kathleen and husband Thomas Williams of North Andover; brother-in-law Kevin Driscoll of Seabrook Beach; and several generations

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GRAYTON PAYS FOR MISLEADING CAMPAIGN
Former Methuen City Councilor Dan Grayton came in last place on Election Day in the East District city council contest. Our phones were blowing up the weekend before because Grayton had put out a mailing showing Governor Charlie Baker endorsing him and Steve Saba, labeling them the “Saba/Grayton TEAM!” The problem is, Steve Saba had nothing to do with “teaming up with Grayton” and wanted nothing to do with Grayton or his “team”. Sources close to Saba say he never sought and did not want an endorsement by the governor in a local race though he is fan of the governor. At the end of the day, voters knocked Grayton from his 3rd place showing (out of 5) in the primary to a 4th place showing (OUT OF 4) in the final election.

ADAM CHIOCCA AN UP AND COMER
One of the candidates who worked very hard in Methuen, and most likely will secure an elected spot next time around, is Methuen’s East End candidate Adam Chiocca. Chiocca came in 4th in the primary and then ascended to 3rd place in the final election. Though Adam is not from Methuen originally, he knocked out life-long resident Sid Harris in the primary. Then he placed higher than former councilor Dan Grayton in the final. Adam was always an underdog in this race but his refusal to run a dirty campaign and his willingness to do the hard work required in a contested campaign means he is certainly a contender next time around. With his extensive experience in education, my recommendation is that he run for School Committee next time around so he can help the two Janas and DJ Deeb fight for transparency in the schools.

CHEATING, CHEATING, AND MORE CHEATING
Those at the national level, who like to run around claiming voter fraud doesn’t exist in their quest to a bogus political agenda, need to spend a little time in Lawrence at election time. On Election Day our news spotters witnessed illegal campaigning inside the polling locations, at least two election workers handing little slips of paper to voters, with certain candidates’ names on them, not to mention dozens, and dozens, of people who tried to vote more than once under different people’s names. We know of dozens who were turned away by some election workers. But, those are just the ones we know about (because they were turned away). There’s no telling how many people actually made it through without being caught. Add to that the chain of custody issues with absentee ballots where both Lantigua and Rivera supporters were handling absentee ballots BEFORE they were mailed in or turned in to city hall. Don’t tell me there’s no such thing as voter fraud, because anyone who is actually on the ground during a Lawrence election witnesses a

whole different reality than the fantasy spun by CNN and Elizabeth Warren.

SPEAKING OF WARREN... IS DAN RIVERA A RACIST?
Here’s something that will make you go ‘hmm’. U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (who is a rich and White) has publicly claimed on many occasions that Voter ID “is racist” and that those who support Voter ID are “purposely trying to suppress the minority vote.” Which is weird, because last month Warren came to Lawrence to endorse Dan Rivera for mayor over Willie Lantigua. What’s weird about it is that the man she endorsed, Dan Rivera, (an actual minority) strongly supports Voter ID, while Lantigua strongly opposes it. So, I guess the real question here for Elizabeth Warren and the Democrats who push the bogus narrative on Voter ID is, is Dan Rivera racist? I mean, why would Warren endorse Dan Rivera (an actual minority) who wants to “suppress minority votes”? If Rivera is not a racist, then it’s obvious that Warren and the democrats are lying when it comes to Voter ID and shows what hypocrites she and her party are by endorsing people who support Voter ID. If Rivera IS a racist the same logic applies. Things that make you go hmmm.

YOU TELL ME WHO’S RACIST IN LAWRENCE
You know, it’s awfully tiring to hear people claiming that White people in Lawrence are racist while ignoring or making excuses for the rampant racism in the Latino community. If you look at the numbers on Election Day, Latinos topped the ticket in every white precinct in Lawrence, showing proof that Lawrence’s white voters are predominantly not racist. But when you look at the numbers in the At-Large City Council race you see the opposite in Latino neighborhoods when it comes supporting White candidates. Want proof? Rich Russell was the only white guy on the ballot for the At Large city council race and his numbers were fair to good in white neighborhoods (though he did not top the tickets there). But, Russell was CRUSHED in every single Latino neighborhood despite having the endorsement of the current Latino Mayor, Dan Rivera. In fact, Russell went from just a few votes out of THIRD place in the primary (out of 9) only to coming 6th (out of 6) in the final election this month. Rich came in last in every single Latino neighborhood in Lawrence. That’s not an anomaly. Every year, the color blind white voters in Lawrence disregard race and vote for who they think is the best candidate. But, every year, regardless of any other issue, Latino voters snub White candidates on the ballot where they inevitably come in last. So, please don’t tell me that racism is a White disease and that minorities can’t be racist, because those of us who see the reality of day-to-day life in Lawrence know better.

RIVERA’S HYSTERICAL MAILINGS
You have to hand it to Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera, if there’s one thing he understands about the voters in Lawrence, is that they have a short memory and are easily fooled. During the last days of the election, Rivera sent out a mailing attacking former mayor Willie Lantigua for “laying off 29 police officers” not to mention 28 firefighters when he was mayor. While the mailing is not inconsistent with the facts, Rivera conveniently left out the fact that as a city

councilor he voted in FAVOR of all those layoffs. In fact, not only did he vote with Lantigua to strip down the police and fire departments, long after the effects of those layoffs lead to rampant gang violence in the city, Rivera continued to defend his vote. To this day, Rivera has never once said he regretted what he did. Yet, he had no problem putting all the blame on Lantigua (who needed Rivera’s vote to pass the layoff measures). Add to that, the fact that Rivera supported a \$35M bailout loan for Lantigua when he was mayor and you start to see why Rivera’s campaign dishonestly made it look as though he was against the police and fire layoffs under Lantigua. To be fair, Rivera has refilled some of those positions but, the Lawrence police and fire have been working without a contract for the last three years. Just imagine. Police officers and firefighters in LAWRENCE, with all that they have to go through every day, having to work without a contract. While we can disagree on issues without being disagreeable, it’s really hard for me to get past the dishonesty on this one. I have completely lost confidence in Rivera as mayor, and I’m truly hoping now that the election is over he is going to work hard to restore that confidence. A good place to start would be to settle the police and fire contract and give these guys their back pay that he owes them. That would go a long way to restoring my faith. Until then... I remain hopeful, but skeptical.

VARGAS WINS AS HAVERHILL TAKES A HARD TURN LEFT
Andy Vargas defeated Shaun Toohey in the Haverhill state representative race to replace Brian Dempsey. In the waning days of this campaign Vargas, for the first time ever, made a declarative statement about sanctuary cities and deporting illegal aliens who are also violent felons. Vargas, known as “Mr. Sanctuary City” after he warned the public of ongoing police raids in Haverhill, told the league of liberal women voters in a debate that he is not for sanctuary cities and further declared that he favors deporting violent felons who are here illegally no matter where they came from. Curious. Especially since most of the people out holding signs for Vargas were doing so because he’s on their side of the sanctuary city issue. But, OK... I’ll play along. Now that Vargas has been elected he has a chance to prove us all wrong. He now can show us his initiatives from the floor of the house that will allow local law enforcement to work with the feds to deport gang members, drug dealers, and other violent felons. For me, I don’t believe for one second that Vargas is anything but a left wing ideologue who wants open borders and cede control



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of our immigration policies to the leaders of other countries. Sometimes, it does happen, I turn out to be wrong. I’m hoping this is one of those times. I will be watching Andy Vargas. And I will be holding him to the promises he made at the League of Liberal Women Voters’ debate. If Vargas goes in that direction I will be the very first to report on it. Just know that if he betrays the voters, I will also be the first to write about it.

LIONS EYE SCREENINGS
The Lawrence Lions Club will be doing eye screenings this month at the Tarbox School and at the Daybreak homeless shelter in Lawrence. The Lions provide instant results for those who need eye screening and are happy to help those who cannot afford eyeglasses or eye surgery if problems are found during screenings. Thanks to the new president Steve Paine who is kicking off his new term as president, and committed to providing actual services to the community.

METHUEN EXCHANGE HELPS OUT EAGLE SCOUT
Last month the Methuen Exchange Club donated \$100 to Eagle Scout, Ben Walko for his project to build a flag area and

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benches at Methuen High School so that the outdoor area where students congregate will have a flag and flag pole for watch of the different branches of the military. The Friends of Onway also donated \$100. When Ben’s project is unveiled we will list all the businesses in the community who donated to this worthy project and a photo of the area. Great Job Ben!

JEAN DARC DONATES STORAGE POD FOR SLE LITTLE LEAGUE

Last month, the Valley Patriot published a short story and an ad for the South Lawrence East Little League because their president Bryan Thomas has been paying out of pocket for a storage pod on the field for kids to store their equipment. While Bryan is always happy to make personal sacrifices for the kids in Lawrence, the additional expenses he has to shell out of pocket for other SLE Little League has made it hard for him to continue paying so much. That’s why we were thrilled to learn that someone at Jean Darc Credit Union in Lowell saw this story (first, thanks for reading us!) and contacted Bryan to let him know that they are donating \$350 to SLE to pay for their storage pod. We want to thank Michele Silveira and everyone at the Lowell branch of Jean Darc for stepping up to the plate and helping kids in Lawrence!

LOCAL MOVIE LOOKING FOR SHORT FUNDING

Valley Patriot family member Steve Blackwood is putting together a local movie in Newburyport and is looking for some short money to complete his short comedy called “Meet the Author”. The movie will feature Blackwood, a former Days of Our Lives star, as “Marvin”, who is also co-writer with David Susman (Spice). Veronica Alcino (The Irishman) will co-star as “Marnie”. The professional crew will include director and DP Jonathon Millman, an Emmy and Telly award-winning cinematographer and produced with Masterclass Productions, a Boston area collaboration of Masterclass talent and industry professionals.

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NORTH ANDOVER COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES: MS. WHEEL-CHAIR MASSACHUSETTS

The North Andover Commission on Disability Issues is an official all volunteer body whose members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The mission of the Commission on Disability Issues is to serve the town in an advisory capacity, to identify the needs of the community under the ADA Civil Rights Law, and to monitor initiatives generated by this committee to see that results are achieved. We continue to work to bring accessibility to both town-owned and private facilities in our community.

As part of this mission, the North Andover Commission on Disability Issues is pleased to announce that: Ms. Wheel-chair Massachusetts will be visiting North Andover on: Sat., Nov. 18th at 1pm at the Stevens Memorial Library.

PINA RUNS FOR STATE REP IN TEWKSBURY

Pina Prinzivalli, a Republican from Tewksbury, has announced her candidacy for State Representative in the 19th Middlesex District, with the launch of her first campaign video on her website: [www. PinaForYou.com](http://www.PinaForYou.com)

“The most important thing to know about me is that I’m not a career politician,” said Prinzivalli, a 33 year old professional who works as a branch manager at a local bank. Career politicians have hurt Massachusetts for far too long. Whether it’s giving themselves pay raises or forcing taxpayers to pay for sanctuary cities, it’s time for someone to fight for our values and our future.”

With a campaign pledge to put the taxpayers first, Prinzivalli is already working hard to protect the taxpayers by collecting signatures for two different issues.

“Even before formally announcing my run, I’ve been collecting signatures

to reduce the sales tax back to 5%,” said Prinzivalli about the ballot question that will also establish a permanent sales tax holiday weekend. “Our district is so close to the New Hampshire border and we’ve gone two years in a row without a sales tax free weekend. We need to be able to compete. But our elected officials on Beacon Hill said we don’t have the money for it. Yet, the same elected officials voted themselves \$18,000,000 worth of pay raises this year. They chose themselves over the taxpayers. That’s wrong.”

Prinzivalli is also collecting signatures to start the process that will create an amendment to the Commonwealth’s Constitution that says taxpayers are not required to fund abortions.

“The taxpayers deserve the right to have a say on how their tax dollars are being spent,” said Prinzivalli. “Especially on an issue that’s as controversial as abortion.”

WHISTLER HOUSE “HOLIDAY” ART AUCTION & PARTY

In what is their biggest fundraising event of the year, the Whistler House Museum of Art will host their annual Whistler Holiday Party on Friday, December 1 starting at 6:30 p.m. The festivities will be held at the historic house on 243 Worthen Street in Lowell.

The live art auction will be led once again by “auctioneer extraordinaire” State Representative Tom Golden Jr., and will feature beautiful original works of art from local artists. The evening will also include the return of the ever popular Trinity Triple Treat Raffle, for which club seat tickets to Bruins, Red Sox and Celtics games will be given away. Silent auction items include artwork, designer handbags, jewelry, children’s toys, vineyard tours, and horseback riding lessons. There will be live music and entertainment.

Ticket prices are \$95 for non-members and \$85 for members. Proceeds from the event will help fund children’s art programs, continued restoration of the historic house, and operating expenses. All are welcome.

For additional information or to make a reservation, contact Rae Easter at 978-452-7641 or reaster@whistlerhouse.org.

244th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOSTON TEA PARTY - ANNUAL REENACTMENT ON DEC. 16, 2017

The Boston Tea Party comes alive in December! Taking place at Boston’s Old South Meeting House and the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, the 244th Boston Tea Party Anniversary & Annual Reenactment offers the public to experience one of America’s most iconic public protests at one of the largest moving historical reenactments in the U.S. More than 100 reenactors tell the story of The Boston Tea Party and theatrically recreate the evening of December 16, 1773 which sparked the American Revolution. It begins with a fiery tea tax debate at Old South Meeting House, the historic hall where the colonists gathered 244 years ago. Then, the public joins a procession led by fife & drummers to the waterfront and witnesses the Sons of Liberty destroy actual loose [expired] tea from London’s East India Company! NEW IN 2017: Inviting one and all to send loose tea to be thrown into Boston Harbor as part of this year’s reenactment.

HOW TO SEND TEA: Send dried loose leaf tea (NO used tea bags) to: Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, ATTN: ‘Toss That Tea’, 306 Congress St, Boston, MA 02210. Include name, address, e-mail & phone number. An official certificate of participation will be sent to each partaker sending tea. Deadline to send tea: December 1, 2017.

EVENT DATE: Sat. December 16, 2017 - Actual Boston Tea Party Anniversary 6:30pm. - 8:30pm.

From 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
The Meeting of the Body of the People -Ticketed Portion (Ticket includes admission to Old South Meeting House plus



Deborah Kincade Rambo, President, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston, Wilfred Carpenter, Vice President Sales and Service, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Paul Muzhuthett, Director, Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities, Lauren Judge.

HELPING TEEN MOTHERS

Last month, Brigid’s Crossing of Lowell held its 20th Anniversary Dinner at the Tewksbury Country Club with the Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities Advisory Board as well as friends and supporters to celebrate its 20 years and support a bright future for the residents and families it serves. Brigid’s Crossing is a group home for teen mothers, ages 14 to 21, struggling amidst the unrelenting burdens of single parenthood and inadequate living conditions. The residence offers a safe, nurturing environment in which residents can assess their life situations, see to their basic needs, and work with compassionate, knowledgeable staff to tackle challenges on paths to self-sufficiency and greater senses of self-worth.

reserved seating at Boston’s waterfront for the Destruction of the Tea). FREE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OUTSIDE

Old South Meeting House - 310 Washington Street, Boston

Inside Old South Meeting House, ticket holders join an authentic, spirited and theatrical colonial debate to protest the tax on tea and demand liberty from the British crown. Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Paul Revere and other Patriot leaders join in a heated debate with crown-loving Loyalists in this final attempt to peaceably resolve the crisis before the midnight deadline. Visitors are encouraged to join the debate, letting their voices be heard in the very place where Boston’s most famous act of rebellion began. A town crier calls out all the details to the crowds and women reenactors gathered outside.

7:30 - 8pm. - Huzzah for Griffin’s Wharf! - FREE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Procession from Old South Meeting House to the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum -Milk St to Congress Street to Pearl Street.

Led by fife & drums and accompanied by colonial reenactors, the public marches from Old South Meeting House to Boston historic waterfront where Griffin’s Wharf once stood along the same route the Sons of Liberty took to Boston Harbor to destroy the tea in 1773.

8 - 8:30pm.
Boston Harbor, a Tea Pot Tonight! - FREE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC (Ticketholders have access to a reserved viewing area on the Harborwalk)

Destruction of the Tea at the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum- 306 Congress St.

The public is invited to join reenactors to line the shores of Boston Harbor and watch as the Sons of Liberty storm aboard the Brig Beaver and destroy chest after chest of East India tea. In this fully narrated program, the Sons of Liberty board the ship, opening the hold and hoisting tea chests on deck. Tea chests are broken open and actual tea from the East India Tea Company (still in existence) and tea from those who sent tea their loose tea is spilled into Boston’s historic waters. Viewers are encouraged to cheer “Huzzah!” during this dramatic conclusion of the single most important event leading up to the American Revolution.

TICKETS: General Admission pricing - \$30/per person

To purchase tickets go to: [\[tea2017.bpt.me\]\(http://tea2017.bpt.me\) or visit Old South Meeting House at 310 Washington St.](http://got-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Tickets include admission to the Meeting of the Body of the People at Old South Meeting House and access to an exclusive reserved viewing area on Boston’s Harborwalk for the Destruction of the Tea. All ticket proceeds help support Old South Meeting House, a non-profit National Historic Landmark. This event takes place rain, sleet, snow or shine.

NOTE: Both Old South Meeting House and Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum will be free and open to the public on Sat., December 16, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHITTIER TECH IMPROVES
Whittier Tech has attained Level 1 school status from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) following the release of MCAS results yesterday. Since nobody ever explains what a level one school means, ... that’s good news, not bad.

MCAS scores for Whittier Tech’s Class of 2019:

- English: 100 percent passed – 30 percent advanced, 65 percent proficient, 5 percent needs improvement.
- Math: 98 percent passed -- 46 percent advanced, 39 percent proficient, 13 percent needs improvement, 2 percent failing.
- Science and Technology: 94 percent passed – 28 percent proficient, 51 percent proficient, 15 percent needs improvement, 6 percent failing.

On the English test, there was a 2 percent increase from last year in the advanced and proficient categories. In math, there was a 5 percent increase; while science and technology saw a 3 percent increase.

Whittier moved from a Level 1 to a Level 2 school in 2015 and 2016 due to not meeting target growth standards set by the state for high needs, disabled and Hispanic students in English, math and science.

Today, Whittier has met all of the performance benchmarks set by DESE, and is one of only 70 districts out of 383 in the state to achieve Level 1 status. Beginning with the spring 2012 results, districts and schools are measured with the Progress and Performance Index. Whittier has met the PPI target for all of its students, earning it the Level 1 rating.

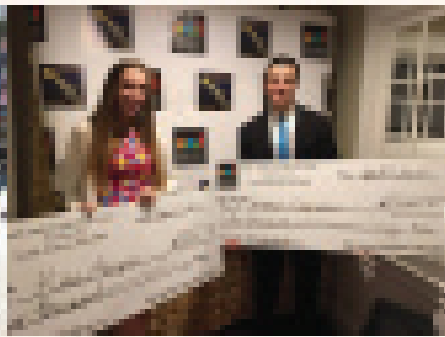
Whittier students have made noteworthy improvements from their seventh grade MCAS scores. The average growth rate



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Donated \$5,000 to Everyone's A Player

Host of the Annual Fall Festival on the Common

Donated \$2,400 to the North Andover STEM Program

Thousands of dollars in joint advertising for businesses

Donated funds to the North Andover Fire Department to purchase educational materials

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Lawrence Election Recap

Lawrence is made up of six districts and elects one city councilor from each of those districts. The city also elects three city councilors who represent the entire city “At-Large”.

In the At Large race; the three winners were Brian DePena, Pavel Payano, and Ana Levy.

The District “A” (Prospect Hill) race was won by Maria DeLacruz who defeated incumbent Myra Ortiz. It was the only race where an incumbent was defeated.

The District “B” (North Common area) voters reelected Estella Reyes over Francisco Paulino who had the support of Willie Lantigua.

The District “C” (Arlington Neighborhood) voters returned City Council president Kendrys Vasquez against newcomer Greg DeLosario.

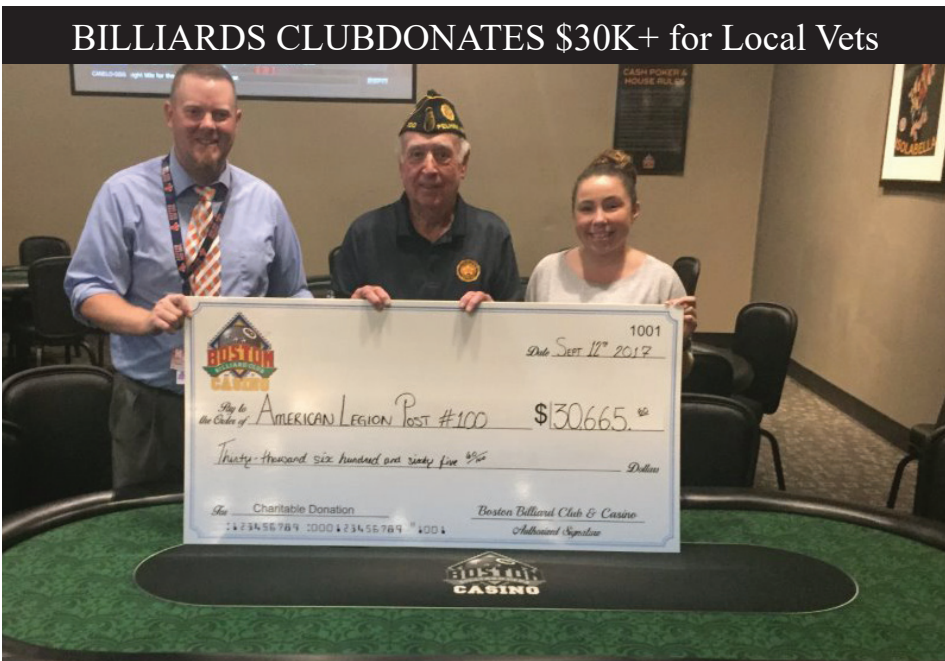
The District “D” Tower Hill voters returned Jeovanny Rodriguez to the council voting for the incumbent over Willie Lantigua’s handpicked, left wing candidate

Linette Perez.

In the District “E” (Mount Vernon neighborhood), voters overwhelmingly returned Dave Abdo to the council over Fred Diaz.

In District “F” (South Lawrence East) incumbent Marc Laplante had no opposition.

As for school committee, Lawrence really doesn’t have one. The state took over the schools a few years ago and took all the power away from the school committee. Those elected earlier this month to the Lawrence School Committee will be ceremonial as there is a receiver from the state (Jeff Riley) who acts as the superintendent and school committee. The only item of note in the school committee races was that Prospect Hill district race between Kemal Bozkurt (our favorite Muslim) and Donna Bertolino (also a Valley Patriot family members). Bertolino squeaked out a win against Bozkurt by 94 votes.



Pictured left to right are Boston Billiard Club officials from Nashua, N.H. Kevin Blackwood, shift manager of the American Legion Post 100, Bill Tarmey Post Adjutant and Pelham, N.H. American Legion Post 100 finance officer and Post Adjutant accepting the \$30,665 donation from the Nashua Boston Billiard Club to be used towards the ever increasing financial needs of the Veterans of The Greater Pelham N. H. Area, and Club General Mgr. Giovanna Bonilla. The Boston Billiard Club is able to raise such funds through their ongoing charitable endeavors at the club.

Three Losses in a Row - Lantigua’s Not Going Away!

Since the late ’80s or early ’90s Willie Lantigua has been involved in every city election in Lawrence in some capacity or another. Whether as a candidate, advisor, campaign manager, or as someone who recruited candidates, Lantigua has always been a force to be reckoned with in Lawrence elections.

He has been a state rep. and the mayor, but for the last four years Lantigua has remained on the sidelines waiting for his chance at a rematch with Dan Rivera.

This year was that chance.

He lost to Rivera four years ago, came back a year later to challenge State Rep. Marcos Devers and lost, and now has lost a third time.

In the wake of Lantigua’s defeat this month, there are rumblings in Lawrence that “Lantigua is finished” and that “the Lawrence voters will never make that mistake again.”

Naive and reckless thinking like this is what makes Lantigua a contender every time he runs. Underestimating Lantigua always gives him an edge, because he is not someone who engages in traditional



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campaigning. All his campaigning is word of mouth, person to person.

Think about this.

Dan Rivera spent more than ten times the amount of money spent by Willie Lantigua. Lantigua spent \$30,000, Rivera spent \$300,000. Yet Rivera’s extra \$270,000 in additional spending only got him little more than 700 votes more than the man with the worst reputation in New England.

The final tally;
7,965 for Rivera
7,205 for Lantigua.

Willie Lantigua is far from finished.

In fact, I would argue, Willie Lantigua is just warming up.

Cunning and calculated, Lantigua will continue to be a kingmaker by recruiting candidates for council, school committee, etc. who will be loyal to him. He will continue to throw obstacles in the way of

his political “enemies” whether he holds public office or not.

While most politicians get the hint after the voters reject them three times in a row, Lantigua sees the three losses as increasing his odds next time around, by law of averages. Politics is a numbers game of opportunities and percentages. And Lantigua is a master of that game.

So what is next for Lantigua?

We all know that first term State Rep. Juana Matias is vacating her freshman seat to run for Congress after defeating Marcos Devers only one year ago.

That leaves an open state rep. seat in Lawrence. A seat once held by Willie Lantigua. A seat where the district is carved up geographically to consist of Willie Lantigua’s strongest precincts.

Even if Marcos Devers were to get into that race for another rematch (Devers beat Lantigua 3 years ago), Lantigua would not

be running against an incumbent, giving him front runner status going in.

Then there’s the possibility that Barbara L’Italien runs for Congress, vacating her State Senate seat and paving the way for either Lantigua or Rivera to run for that open seat... maybe both.

No, no, don’t make the mistake of thinking Lantigua has any shame about his losses, or that he’s going away any time soon.

For his part, Dan Rivera is and has been rumored to run for Congress to fill the open seat being vacated by Niki Tsongas next year. He has been groomed by the national party for that seat since he was an aide to Tsongas 20 years ago. Rivera could run for Congress in 2018 and remain as mayor, but if he wins, that would vacate the mayor’s office just one year into his term, paving the way for ... you guessed it, a Lantigua return.

With a core base of 7,209 voters in a city where the vast majority of the people do not vote, even in big elections, Lantigua will continue to be a force to be reckoned with for a long time to come.

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Rivera Has No Answers on Opiods

After his reelection win, Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera addressed the opioid crisis admitting he didn’t have any answers, and saying it’s the responsibility of other government officials to solve the problem.

Here is what he said after being asked what he could do to solve the crime problem in Lawrence. “I don’t know what it is, but we’ll do more of it,” he said.

“The reality is, the wave of crime that we’re seeing is absolutely connected to the opioid crisis. So, if we’re not going to put more money into treatment, I’m talking mandatory six-month treatment, in a faraway place, not here in Lawrence where you can leave your treatment facility and find some drug - maybe Marion, Devens, or someplace else. We’ve got to, because if we don’t, we could arrest 40 people a day, it doesn’t matter. They are going to end up right back on the street doing the same drugs. So, we’ll continue to arrest people, trust me the men and women of the Lawrence police department have become very good about arresting people who sell drugs, you just need to read the paper about that. They have a hard job to do. So, I think at the end of the day there needs to be relief

[from] someplace else and hopefully the state and federal level will do that.”

Asked how he would unify the city, Rivera said, “There are people that voted for me [who work on] different shop floors across the city and working in different factories who voted for Willie. They are going to go to work tomorrow and they don’t care. I’m their mayor, and I’ve got to go be responsible to them. So, when they call the city and we are supposed to do something we are going to get it done. And if we don’t, there will be hell to pay regardless of whether they voted for me or not. But, we are going to make sure we get it done.

Rivera was asked if the reported number of 96 people having died from violence or opioids was accurate. “I doubt it,” he replied. Asked if he knew how many people have died from opioid abuse in his four years as mayor, Rivera said he knew that there were 26 homicides, but did not know the number of people who died from overdoses. Asked if the city had compiled a list of how much it costs the taxpayers for police, fire, and ambulances to respond to the daily overdose and Narcan calls, Rivera said that he didn’t.

Senator Warren Demands Criminal Investigation Into Tragic Death of Vietnam Veteran at Bedford VA

Washington, DC – United States Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) today wrote to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary David Shulkin to express “extreme concern and outrage” at the death of William R. Nutter, Jr., a patient at the Bedford, Massachusetts VA Medical Center, and to request that the VA Inspector General (IG) expedite its criminal investigation into the circumstances leading to his death.

Mr. Nutter, a Vietnam War veteran who also served 21 years in the U.S. Army Reserves, died on July 3, 2016.

Recent media reports from the Boston Globe and Lowell Sun indicate that his death resulted in part due to the neglect of a nurse who was playing video games while on duty – instead of monitoring Mr. Nutter, who reportedly suffered from an arrhythmia that ultimately led to cardiac arrest.

“Patients at the Bedford VA Medical Center are not serial numbers in a file – they are heroes who deserve the highest quality care,” wrote Senator Warren. “It is beyond outrageous that someone in the care of the VA died because an employee was apparently more interested in playing a video game than checking on him, and it strains belief that such a monumental mistake could occur without much broader breakdowns in professionalism and accountability.”

Senator Warren raised concerns about the growing number of problems reported at the Bedford VA in recent months, including allegations that employees engaged in inappropriate relationships with patients and sold narcotics on hospital grounds, retaliation against a whistleblower, and significant turnover in the facility’s leadership. She also highlighted additional claims that the Bedford office of the VA Inspector General may have fostered an environment in which “mistakes are swept under the rug.”

In light of these serious and systemic problems, Senator Warren requested that Secretary Shulkin assign a team from outside the Bedford area to investigate the causes of Mr. Nutter’s tragic death, as well as any other problems at the facility that may risk the health and safety of current patients. She further asked to be briefed on the results of the VA Inspector General’s investigation, and called for the firing of any employee – including senior administrators – who may have contributed to the death of Mr. Nutter.

“While the majority of our VA employees are hard-working and dedicated to patient care, any failure of care is unacceptable,” wrote Senator Warren, “and VA employees must be held accountable when they cut corners in the delivery of care to our veterans.”



Lawrence’s 99Degrees Custom Recognized at State House

The Lawrence-based 99Degrees Custom was recognized at the Massachusetts State House as part of the 2st Annual Manufacturing Month Award Ceremony, honoring manufacturers across the Commonwealth.

99Degrees Custom is an apparel manufacturer, specializing in sewn and bonded sports and activewear. The company produces for leading and emerging brands that produce technical apparel for a number of markets including running, yoga, crossfit, cycling and rock climbing.

99Degrees Custom was nominated for this honor by State Representative Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen), a member of the legislature’s Manufacturing Caucus.

“It is an honor to receive this nomination and to reflect on the last few years,” said Brenna Schneider, founder and CEO of 99Degrees Custom. “I’m thankful for the continued local and state support which have helped to advance my vision and catalyze our growth. It is my team’s spirit of innovation and the energy in our rising immigrant city that motivate me to build a future for apparel manufacturing that will make the Merrimack Valley proud.”

“Local manufacturers like 99Degrees Custom are the backbone of our economy, in the Valley and across the state. They are critical to ensuring job growth and creation,” said DiZoglio. “I was honored to nominate such a sterling example of American ingenuity that provides jobs across a wide spectrum of the Massachusetts workforce, for this recognition.”

MA Lottery Produces Over \$1B in Net Profit for First Time in 45 Years

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced today that, for the first time in its 45-year history, the Massachusetts State Lottery surpassed the \$1 billion mark in net profit for a single fiscal year, producing an estimated \$1.035 billion for the Commonwealth in the recently completed 2017 fiscal year. This is the third consecutive year that the Lottery has posted a record-setting profit, eclipsing the FY16 figure of \$989.4 million by more than \$46 million. The Lottery is the single largest source of unrestricted local aid for the Commonwealth’s 351 cities and towns.

For the third consecutive fiscal year, the Lottery’s estimated sales topped \$5 billion. Estimated sales of \$5.093 billion are second only to FY16’s \$5.233 billion. The Lottery’s fiscal year commenced July 1, 2016 and ended June 30, 2017.

“This is a proud moment for the Lottery,” said Goldberg, who as Treasurer and Receiver General serves as Chair of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission. “During uncertain times, we were able to increase unrestricted local aid to the cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. The team achieved these goals by increasing efficiencies and creative utilization of resources, so necessary in an ever changing environment.”

The Lottery spent an estimated \$97.4 million on administrative costs in FY17, 5 percent less than the \$102.7 million it spent in FY16. These costs are less than 2 percent of overall revenues, the lowest of any U.S. lottery.

As an example of improved efficiency, Treasurer Goldberg cited a re-evaluation of sales routes that allowed Lottery account managers to spend additional time meeting with Lottery retailers, while reducing driving time and mileage.

The Lottery awarded an estimated \$3.668 billion in prizes in FY17. With an estimated 72.02 percent of all revenue returned to players in the form of winnings in FY17, the Massachusetts Lottery maintains the highest payout percentage of any lottery in the country. Prize payouts can fluctuate from year to year based on the schedule or rate at which players cash in their prizes. The Lottery’s network of retailers collectively earned an estimated \$291.9 million in commissions and bonuses in FY17.

Instant Tickets accounted for an estimated \$3.5 billion in sales, a 2.7 percent decrease from FY16’s record-setting figure of \$3.615 billion. KENO sales rang in at an all-time high estimated at \$915 million, a 1.1 percent increase over FY16, due in part to the continued expansion of the number of agents offering the product. All or Nothing, a new monitor game introduced early in FY17, generated an estimated \$18.8 million in sales, a 755 percent increase over the \$2.2 million

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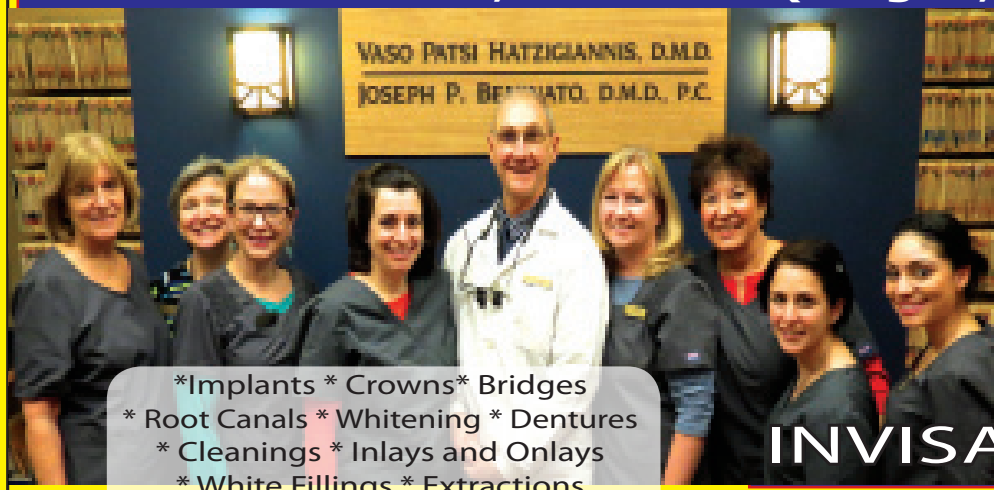


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Breaking the Law to Help Hospital Gorillas Get Bigger

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Caring doctors are an easy mark. They come into medicine because they are softies and spend their lives staying soft. This endears them to their patients but makes them easy targets for the corrupt socio-paths who run certain state medical boards these days.

Consider 84 year old Dr. Anna Konopka of New London, NH, who still helped patients, hands on, without subjecting them to the bureaucratic time-suck that vitiates “care” in bigger places, such as ‘death by a 1000 clicks’ or ‘scripted speech to improve patient satisfaction scores.’

Dr. Konopka ran a simple traditional practice where the doctor-patient relationship is sacrosanct, a practice where the whole patient is the sole priority and the maximum charge for anything is \$50 total.

Naturally, her patients adore her. Naturally, bureaucrats within the NH state board destroyed her in the absence of a single patient complaint or any harm to individual patients, ever.

Naturally, softies being softies, Dr. Konopka folded without a fight and lost her license.

Now, all of us normal people find that odd because we suffer from the delusion that state boards are agencies that are paid by us, exist only to protect us from bad apples and otherwise leave learned professionals to do it. Folks who work at the agencies disagree. Over the years they have accumulated absolute power and are absolutely corrupt.

In a classic example of doing well by doing bad, these bureaucrats monetize their power by renting it to gorillas targeting softies who aren’t part of bigger hospital systems. The NH Union Leader reported: “She has been under attack for four years, she said; she believes New London Hospital wants her patients.”

Big gorillas easily rent the powers of a state agency by bribing the failures running them, people who couldn’t cut it in the private sector. And how did the gorillas get this big in the first place? Because Dr. Lucian Leape provided the false intellectual excuse to support massive consolidation of hospital networks by claiming it is needed ‘to pay for expensive electronic medical record systems to prevent errors.’

The Leape excuse is used to justify massive Sherman Act violations even after the Texas Ebola failure exposed this lie.

This month Phillip Longman published a scary report on what this scam has achieved:

“A massive wave of corporate consolidations has transformed the American health care delivery system in ways that make the single-payer approach highly problematic. Most Americans now live in places where there is little or no competition among medical providers. In market after market, hospitals, clinics, physician practices, labs, and other key health care infrastructure have been merged into monopolies controlling nearly all aspects of health care in the areas in which they operate.

Switching to single-payer wouldn’t, on its own, address the fact that the lack of competition leaves these Goliaths with almost no pressure to keep costs down. Since medical monopolies are becoming too big for either party to challenge, a single-payer, Medicare-for-all-type plan would likely degenerate into super-high-cost corporate welfare, rather than achieving lower prices or improved quality. The only sure way to avoid that outcome would be to simultaneously enact aggressive antitrust and pro-competition policies to bust up the monopolies and oligopolies that now dominate health care delivery in nearly every community in America.”

Absent Sherman Act enforcement, corrupt bureaucrats shall continue to rent their state powers out to powerful gorillas in order to destroy the few independent, patient-centered doctors we still have left. Economists are unanimous that rent-seeking is terrible for us all and promotes economic inequality.

Progressives who screech about their passion to reduce inequality and promote social justice fall silent when the Sherman Act needs to be enforced on hospital Goliaths and their purchased bureaucrats.

I emailed the person who has been pursuing Dr. Konopka, Penny Taylor (penny.taylor@oplcln.gov), to request government documents and will report her response, if any, in my next column.

NHPR reported that 10 patients showed up this week at Merrimack Superior to support Dr. Konopka. We pray the Judge cares about them and us all.



ROBIN'S KITTY CORNER

No-Kill

Robin Desmet
VALLEY PATRIOT KITTY COLUMNIST

Because I trap and rescue cats, people will often tell me that they can no longer keep their own cat(s) and ask if I can rehome them. Well, the short answer is, “No. I cannot.” Believe it or not, everyone I know already has a cat or three. I always suggest that if they can no longer care for their animals that they bring them to the MSPCA and surrender them so that they can be re-homed. This suggestion is often met with shock and dismay and the following statement: “I don’t want them to kill my cat.”

Let me set the record straight. The MSPCA is not going to kill your cat. If it was a pet at your house, it can be rehomed and it will become a pet at someone else’s house. “But they are not a no-kill shelter” is what I frequently hear next. Okay, this is true. They are not a no-kill shelter. They are an open admission shelter. What is the difference?

In a no-kill shelter, animals are not killed to make room for other animals, and euthanasia is reserved for animals that are terminally ill or dangerous. I am entirely in favor of no-kill, but some no-kill shelters face criticism because they get to choose which animals they admit. Critics claim they choose the most desirable animals in order to keep euthanasia rates low. Also, most no-kill shelters handle a limited number of animals.

An open admission shelter like the MSPCA does not get to pick and choose which animals they take in. Animals are not turned away because they are too old or sick or because they are not a desirable breed.

So, if the MSPCA accepts all these animals, doesn’t it mean that if the animal is not adopted in a certain number of days, then it will be euthanized? What if the animal is sick or needs surgery? Does the MSPCA euthanize these sick animals to make room for the healthier ones?

The answer is no. Unlike the many high-kill shelters that abound, the MSPCA does not euthanize animals due to space or time. If it takes 6 months or a year for a cat to get adopted, then it will remain in a foster home or at the shelter until a home is found. As for health, the MSPCA goes to extraordinary lengths to save the lives of the animals that come their way. Euthanasia is not used as a tool to cull the population or to get rid of the sick animals. It is used only as a last resort when the only other choice is a life of suffering or if the animal is too dangerous to be adopted. In short, the MSPCA is not a no-kill shelter, but it manages to operate like one with an adoption rate over 90%.

Unfortunately, this does not mean that all shelters operate in this fashion. Sadly, there is a huge problem of overpopulation of animals and thousands of animals are killed in shelters across the United States every day.

Overall, if you have to re-home your pet, please know that your animal will be better off at the MSPCA than on the streets. Although the MSPCA is not a “no-kill” shelter, rest assured that your pet will be treated humanely and compassionately, and will receive all the care it needs until a new home is found.





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Beneath the Surface

Thanksgiving: The Natural and Supernatural

Paul Murano
VALLEY PATRIOT MORALITY COLUMNIST

At the end of each November we commemorate a peace meal between two warring parties. We call it Thanksgiving. The word ‘Thanksgiving’ in Greek means Eucharist. Whereas Thanksgiving is celebrated once a year, the peace meal that is the Eucharistic is celebrated every Sunday. There are profound parallels between the two Thanksgivings: what happens in Thanksgiving on the natural level is but a reflection of what happens in the Eucharist on the supernatural level. Let’s go beneath the surface to take a closer look.

Historically there have been three basic ways of bringing adversaries together to gain peace: through a blood covenant, through a marriage, or through a shared meal. Like the original Thanksgiving, the original Eucharist known as the Last Supper had two warring parties coming together for a peace meal: God and man. Why was this necessary? Let’s back up to prehistorical times.

As divine Revelation tells us, God who is eternal Personal Being chose to share the goodness of being with us. In doing so He made us persons, offered us a paradise in which to live, and gave us all we need for complete happiness. All we had to do was humbly accept and there would be everlasting peace. But the serpent showed up and began sowing seeds of division: ‘God has no right telling us what to do; we need to assert ourselves, create our own independent reality, and follow our desires wherever they may lead us.’ After all, the serpent insisted, we know better than God on what is good for us. As sin entered our hearts we in effect declared war on God. By our own choosing we said goodbye to God, to paradise, to peace with each other, and to immortality. By rejecting the Source of life we collectively chose death. Allowing us to wallow in our misery would be justice; however, He who is Love whom we chose to make our enemy is also mercy.

This is where thanksgiving Eucharist comes in. In fact all three ways of bringing adversaries together are employed in the rescue mission from heaven called Redemption. First, God takes on a human

nature to establish a blood covenant with mankind. The blood He shed on the cross as the God-man becomes the lifeblood for all men in the Eucharist. There is also an everlasting marriage to be established. Christ became as a groom, asking again for the hand of His bride the Church for intimate union. The first time God proposed we collectively said ‘no’ in Adam; but now God proposes in person, and with a human nature. He offers as a dowry an oasis from the world and a new tree of life (the cross), the fruit of which gives us the seeds of eternal life that will blossom in the resurrection. The Church is the bride of Christ, whose everlasting marriage to the Son solidifies her union with the Father.

Lastly, there is the peace meal to celebrate this great reconciliation – a ‘Thanksgiving’ Eucharist where God and man at table are sat down. In this sacred supper shared between the Father and His children, Christ Himself becoming our food. Here is where food as life-giving union and food as celebration become one. As a loving bride, we give thanks to the Father by consummating and renewing our marriage with His Son in Eucharistic Communion: By Him entering us physically we enter Him spiritually, becoming more solidified as part of His mystical body. It is this love union from the altar bed of the church by which we become “bone of His bones and flesh of His flesh.” With every act of Eucharistic intercourse, i.e. Holy Communion, there is a renewal of the great Covenant between God and us that will last forever.

So, as we can see, the meal that we call Thanksgiving, celebrated at the end every November, is but a shadow reflection of the ultimate Thanksgiving meal that is the Eucharist. Making peace with the natives was important. Making peace with God is everything.

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Ye Gay Ol’ Valley

GSA Summit Coming to Methuen High

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In April and June of 2018, the GSA Regional Summit will be coming to Methuen High. It is a safe schools program for LGBTQ students that is, “A joint initiative between Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) and the Massachusetts Commission of LGBTQ Youth. Founded in 1993 in response to concerns about LGBTQ youth suicides and other risk factors, the program offers a range of services designed to help schools implement state laws impacting LGBTQ students, including the state’s anti-bullying law, gender identity law, and student anti-discrimination law.”

In the current climate where the powers that be seem to be turning back the hands of time to when discrimination of this marginalized group was both accepted and expected, I believe this is a highly important program to come to the Merrimack Valley.

I spoke with Mr. Richard Barden, the principal of MHS, and Mr. Roger Lenfest, the History Department Head about what hosting the summit means to the faculty, student body, and community. “Having the summit come here takes down barriers. It’s outstanding for GSA students and letting our whole community that MHS is supportive of LBGTQ students,” said Barden. He continued by adding, “Any time you bring something in at the State level is a great opportunity for our faculty, students, and the community. “The time is good for us to re-emphasize that ALL members are important.” Lenfest said that he is, “Very excited for the summit coming to MHS. It plays into positive behavior and celebrating our diversity.”

As co-advisor to the GSA, I feel it is extremely important to make our LG-BTQ+ youth visible, heard, and respected. We’ve come a long way in the past decade or so, but there is still a stigma attached to attending GSA meetings by the straight student body members. Our meetings aren’t as diverse as I’d like them to be. When asked why they don’t come to meetings, straight students almost always say, “I’m afraid people will think I’m

gay.” This is disheartening. As an advisor to this group, I have to ask myself: where is this fear coming from and how can we change how they feel? I’m hoping that the GSA Regional Summit will provide some answers and help put to rest some fears and stereotypes. At the very least, I’m hoping it will educate those who know little about our community and start positive conversations.

I also asked some of the members of Methuen’s GSA to weigh in on the importance of the summit coming to Methuen. One student said, “It could be an opportunity to maybe induct new members . . . and give them a safe place to share their feelings and beliefs.” Why can’t everywhere be a safe place to share feelings and beliefs? Why does fear of condemnation or worse still keep so many in the closet or behind closed doors? Another member said they are looking forward to the summit because it means they, “Can learn more about what GSA is about and have more knowledge of the situations people might be in.” I agree, but my concern is that those who really need this type of education will not attend the summit. At this moment in time, I am satisfied that the summit is being held at Methuen High School and putting a much needed spotlight on the youth in our community that need all of our support.

In a perfect world, straight students and teachers would be just as interested in attending as are the members of the LG-BTQ+ community. That is the point, isn’t it? Wasn’t this all created to educate the community in general of what it means to be LGBTQ+ and the challenges we face? Shouldn’t there be an effort of all members in a community to make a safe place for everyone to share their feelings and beliefs without fear of judgment, retribution, and ridicule? For a short period of time, it felt as if the direction of this country or even many parts of the world were heading in the direction of embracing diversity. Unfortunately, the leaders of this country are being very vocal about their distaste of and for the LGBTQ+ community. Making a difference locally is a good place to continue the effort to make all of us welcome, accepted, and valued.



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Let Water Rescue Your Diet

Rick Bellanti
VALLEY PATRIOT CONTRIBUTOR

Water is so essential to good health, for every organ, cell and even the tissue in your body needs water to work properly. Staying hydrated is very important and almost all liquids help you stay hydrated but water is by far the most healthiest of choice, being free from chemicals (as in soda) or sugars and other harmful artificial sweeteners and water is also free from calories. It’s one of the most important ingredients for your health and wellness and also the easiest to do and keep track of.

Water makes up about 60 percent of our body weight and is essential for keeping your body running at an optimal level. Water allows oxygen and essential nutrients to travel throughout your body and will help flush toxins out of vital organs while carrying nutrients to your cells. It keeps you hydrated as well as helping you sustain energy and concentration. There are plenty of studies that suggest that being dehydrated causes fatigue and loss of energy which will ultimately affect your mood and may even cause headaches.

If you are sick, such as the flu, drinking more water will keep you hydrated and continue flushing your system. If you work out, especially in warmer weather or at a high intensity, you may also want to drink more water to rehydrate you, without drinking all those high sugar sports drinks adding unwanted calories (which may actually dehydrate you), causing other issues such as leg cramps and headaches.

Many times I’m asked: Can drinking water help me lose weight? Drinking water may help you lose weight (in my opinion) as drinking water throughout the day may prevent you from eating when you are not actually hungry, and

sometimes when we are feeling hunger it’s just the body telling us we need more hydration instead. I also suggest drinking a full 8-10 oz glass of water thirty minutes before your meals to help fill you up and eat less.

Another question that I’m asked is: How much water should I drink daily? Most health sources still recommend that to maintain a healthy lifestyle, eight - 8 oz glasses of water daily is sufficient. They do include other fluids you drink in that amount as well such as if you drink coffee, tea, soda, juice as all part of your water intake. Keep in mind though if you are trying to lose weight, all of these have added calories as well.

When I started my journey to lose weight and get healthy it was suggested to me that if you are in a weight loss mode (as I still am) you want to drink much more water daily. Some have even suggested to me to drink half your body weight in water (which seemed impossible for me to do as when I started my weight loss journey I was 415 lbs., so drinking 200+ ounces of water seemed impossible. Personally, I still try to drink 128 ounces of water per day.

I know some readers just don’t like plain water, I never did either, but just like anything else it takes time to get used to, try dressing it up a little with a lemon or a lime wedge. Soon it becomes a habit and now when I find myself at restaurants I have no problem ordering water with lemon or a lime wedge in it.

Rick Bellanti is a wellness columnist and is on a journey himself to lose 240lbs, and has lost 160 lbs since the start of 2015. If you have any questions or comments, please post them to his Getting Healthy with Rick Bellanti Facebook page and once a month he will address a few of the topics here.

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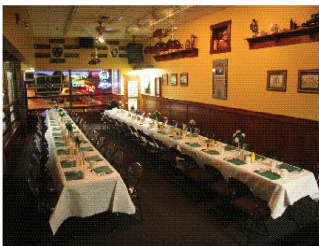
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SUSAN’S BOOK REVIEWS

“Inside The Fire”
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Advanced Reader Copy: 175 pages (eBook).
Genre: Fiction, Fantasy
4.8 out of 5 Bookmarkers
I was hooked by the middle of the Prologue. I could not put this book down! Spent all day Sunday reading, eyes blood-shot, food to be cooked still in the frig. It’s been a hot dog day and I wouldn’t have had that had I not cooked them on Friday (before I started reading this book).
If you are a fan of early Ann Rice or the Twilight series you will probably enjoy this book. It is an easy read that flows readily. Nice visuals. “. . . I still heard the words hissing past his lips.”
Character development is spot on. Individual voices are distinctive and apropos to their age and station. I would’ve chosen a name other than Damien for one of the creatures. I recall the Exorcist and all the subsequent Damien films. But, then again, maybe this was what the author intended.
Being a hybrid creates havoc for Dawn. (Named for that time of day where darkness turns to light.) We learn that she is special, something that should not be. She is raised by her mother then, after she remarries, sent to live with her father, who is also remarried. An incident occurs while with her dad that causes her to run away and rejoin her mother. All goes along fairly well in this teenager’s life until she

goes to her new high school.
Dawn meets and falls in love with one of the few teens at school willing to speak with her.
All goes well until Wesley’s, ex, Melissa, decides she wants him back. She terrorizes Dawn. Another teen, a murderer, severely beats Dawn as payback for what her father did to him. Her mother calls her father and he comes to their aid.
Much of the story now focuses on the ancillary people that surround Dawn, how is she going to protect them from the evil that had been unleashed and ultimately how is she going to protect herself.
The author’s subplots really move the story along nicely. Clues that one doesn’t realize are such become important later on.
The journey is half the fun and this book is fun. I just wish I could put this down and get some sleep! Oh well, always tomorrow.
There were several grammar errors, which took me out of the story. Since I am reading an advanced copy, these mistakes are normally fixed for upcoming retail sale so I wouldn’t worry about them. I am only mentioning this to explain why my rating is not higher.
The ending was fulfilling. While I was not 100% on board with it, I understood it from an author’s perspective.
A nice easy read. I recommend this book.

YOUR MONEY

Medicare Open Enrollment
Season is Here

Alex Talcott
VALLEY PATRIOT MONEY COLUMNIST

If you are a Medicare enrollee, you should know that open enrollment takes place from October 15 through December 7, 2017. Any changes you make to your coverage will take effect on January 1, 2018. Since your health care priorities are likely to change over time, you might find it beneficial to review and make alterations to how you structure your Medicare solution.
Reviewing your Medicare selections may help you either cut costs or improve coverage. For example, you may be able to:

- Choose coverage that keeps your preferred doctors and pharmacies “in-network,” where there are better controls on costs;
- Find a drug plan that will result in lower out-of-pocket expenses for the prescriptions that are key to your health strategy;
- Select a potentially superior plan that has earned a higher rating from Medicare’s five-star rating system. If your current plan is rated less than three-stars, it may be time to make a switch.

Your options during open enrollment
The open enrollment period gives you an opportunity to change your base Medicare plan or your prescription drug coverage.

Change your base Medicare coverage
First, consider the type of plan you have:

- Traditional Medicare provided by the federal government, including Part A (hospital-related expenses) and Part B (health care services such as treatment from doctors).
- Medicare Advantage Plans, also known as Part C (coverage provided by private insurers rather than the government).

If you are enrolled in traditional Medicare (Parts A and B) and wish to change to a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C), you can do so during open enrollment. Likewise, you can switch from a Medicare Advantage plan to traditional Medicare coverage. This is also a period where you can move from a Medicare Advantage from one insurer to a Medicare Advantage plan offered by a different insurer.

Keep in mind that if you carry a Medi-

care Supplement (Medigap) plan, this open enrollment period does not allow for changes in those plans. There are other circumstances that must occur to allow you to choose a different Medigap plan. Visit Medicare.gov for details.
Change your prescription drug coverage
If you are a Medicare enrollee who has not yet begun Part D (prescription drug) coverage, it can be added during the enrollment period. Another option is to switch from one Part D plan to another. If you’re covered under a Medicare Advantage plan that doesn’t have prescription drug coverage, you can switch to one that does. You should carefully review your current prescription needs to make certain that the plan you’ve selected provides the best coverage for the drugs you are prescribed.
Do your homework
As you explore your options, it will become evident that not all plans are equal, and there is no single form of Medicare coverage that is right for everyone. Today’s menu of Medicare choices gives you the opportunity to consider your own circumstances, the doctors and clinics you wish to access, and your prescription requirements. Check out the plan finder tool on Medicare’s website (<https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx>). Or, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHINE) to obtain guidance on how to proceed with potential changes to your coverage.
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from their English MCAS scores from seventh to 10th grade was 51 percent. In math, the growth rate was 56 percent.

SINGING A WONDERFUL MUSICAL TRIBUTE
IN CELEBRATION OF THIS SPECIAL SEASON.

The mastermind behind Bova Productions, Tony Bova is a resident of Methuen. His roots began in Malden and then resided in Wakefield and Wilmington. For over 25 years, he has been presenting music showcases throughout New England including many benefit performances for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children raising thousands of dollars.

The event is in celebration of this special season..

Maria Anderson, of Ipswich, Ma. is Tony's daughter. She is a leading vocalist and will captivate the audience with dynamic songs of the season. Her rendition of "How Great Thou Art" is amazing.

Peggy Ryan of Somerville is a tried and true belter with an incredible dynamic range delivering with zest such classics as "Oh Holy Night" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas".

Beverly resident, Tom Edmonds, possesses a booming voice while immersing himself in songs such as "When a Child is Born" as well as pop classics.

Many classics of the holiday season will be presented with a tribute to Santa and our Veterans.

Let "Because It's Christmas" fill your hearts with love, peace and joy.

If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Tony Bova, please call Tony Bova at 978-884-4400 or e-mail Tony at Bovapro@aol.com

DNC CASH INFUSION IN NH

Last month, the Democratic National Committee announced a five-figure investment in the New Hampshire Democratic Party. This investment will assist Democrats running up and down the ticket in the state. The DNC will be working in partnership with the New Hampshire Democratic Party to help mobilize organizers and engage voters across the Granite State. New Hampshire has several critical elections happening in just 12 days, including the Manchester mayoral race, where Democrat Joyce Craig would be elected as the first woman mayor in the Queen City's history.

"The DNC is committed to electing Democratic candidates in every zip code from the school board to the Oval Office. We are making significant investments in state parties that will help lift Democrats up and down the ticket to victory," said DNC Chair Tom Perez. "The new DNC is about winning elections and organizing around electoral opportunities up and down the ballot, and this latest investment in the New Hampshire Democratic Party is just another example of how we're working hand in hand with state parties to make it happen."

METHUEN SPECIAL-ED HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Methuen Spec Ed Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) Assoc. is once again having their Holiday Craft Fair. It is on Saturday, Nov 25th in the Great Hall at the Nevins Library. It is from 10 AM to 3 PM and we have 20+ vendors coming. We do a bake table, a 50/50 cash raffle and Ms

Kathy in the Children's Dept will be doing a really fun LEGO building challenge and activity for the kids from 10 - Noon while the adults shop.

PHOTO EXHIBIT IN HAVERHILL
On November 16, 2017

We are Haverhill: Changing Faces of Haverhill's Neighborhoods opens at the HC Media Studio in Haverhill is a photographic exhibition that highlights the changing faces and stories of Haverhill's Acre and Mt. Washington neighborhoods with emphasis on the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.

We are Haverhill: Changing Faces of Haverhill's Neighborhoods is on display November 16, 20017 - February 16, 2018 at HC Media Studio 101, 2 Merrimack Street. On Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, Thursdays from 5 to 8pm., and Saturdays from 9am to noon.

There is an opening reception on Thursday November 16, from 5:30 to 8pm. with refreshments from neighborhoods vendors and a story telling booth where you can record your Haverhill story.

TECH SCHOOL REDEDICATES FOOTBALL FIELD

The Greater Lawrence Technical School held a rededication ceremony for the Louis E. Gleason Football Field last month.

On Friday, Oct. 6, at 5:45 p.m., student athletes, faculty, staff and honored members of the Gleason family gathered on the field for the ceremony. The field was first named after the late Louis Gleason in 1991, and following a \$2 million renovation to the space, the GLTS community wanted to rededicate the space to one of the school's greatest Reggies.

The new football field is part of an approximately \$6 million project to create a state-of-the-art athletic facility for GLTS. Broken down into three phases, the Gleason field was part of phase one and included resurfacing the existing track, installing synthetic turf, widening the football/soccer field, building a new concession stand, upgrading the visitor side bleachers, bringing in a new scoreboard, purchasing a new sound system and installing LED lighting for night games.

One of the first three football coaches to start at GLTS in 1965, Gleason formerly served as Superintendent-Director before retiring in 1991. In 2015, he was inducted into the GLTS Athletic Hall of Fame.

"Louis E. Gleason formed the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical School into one of the finest vocational schools in the commonwealth," Superintendent Lavoie said.

"He set the bar for excellence in academic, vocational and athletic achievement that we continue to meet today...tonight I'm sure Lou is looking down on this field with both excitement and pride. It is a field our students and community deserve."

Coach Gleason's eldest son, Joseph Gleason, who was joined by his mother Bridget Gleason, his wife Charlene, and their son Matthew Gleason, Louis Gleason III and his wife Ann Margaret and their children Louis IV and Anthony, along with Rose Fabrizio, also spoke to the GLTS community. He reminded guests of his father's love for football and the Reggies, and that the memories made on the field will be forever cherished.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT!
BAKER – DiMAURO

Jenn Baker and Tripper (Alfredo III) DiMauro were married by the sea on September 9, 2017 at Shining Tides in Mattapoisett, MA. The bride is the daughter of Christopher Menz of Hampton, NH and granddaughter of Anne (and the late James) Baker of Westford, MA. The groom (born in Springfield, MA) is the son of Alfredo (Jr) & Marie DiMauro of Shrewsbury, MA, grandson of Alfredo & Maddalena DiMauro of Agawam, MA, and Ann (and the late Richard) Daglio of West Springfield, MA. Justice of the Peace Brandon Lockyer (cousin of the bride) officiated at the ceremony on the shores of Buzzards Bay. Maid-of-honor was Amanda Baker (sister of the bride) and Best Man was Alexander DiMauro, brother of the groom. Joining them were bridesmaids Heather Benoit, Meg Burton, Elisa DiMauro (sister of the groom), Cherisse Freeman (cousin of the Bride), Lauren Joyce, and Jennifer Ryding, as well as groomsmen Greg Basmajian, Joe Carter, Vincenzo DiMauro (brother of the groom), Todd Fletcher, Dave Knowlton, Justin McNeely, John O'Leary, and Paul



Sartori. Following the reception, Mr. & Mrs. DiMauro travelled to Greece for their honeymoon. The bride, a graduate of Westford Academy, received a BS degree from Westfield State University, an MS from Cambridge College, and teaches at McGlynn Elementary School in Medford, MA. The groom is a graduate of SPA Catholic High School in Saratoga Springs, NY, received a BS degree from Springfield College, and is currently attending Southern New Hampshire University; he teaches at the Atkinson Elementary School in North Andover, MA.

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of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his beloved parents, Al was also predeceased by his wonderful parents-in-law Michael and Veronica (Holland) Driscoll; siblings Charles and his wife Emma (Diodati) Savastano, Harry and his wife Carmela (Casale) Savastano, America (Maggie) Savastano, Guido (Jack) and his wife Victoria (Franciose) Savastano, Roland (Ben) and his wife Lillian (Chateauneuf) Savastano, Edmund and his wife Orsola (Sasso) Savastano, Lucy and her husband Lucien Charette, Maria Angela Savastano; brothers-in-law Vasco Cunha, Philip Grossi, and Michael

Driscoll, as well as several nieces and nephews. Al was a life member of Lawrence BPOE Lodge 65 Elks, the Arlington Social and Athletic Club, the local chapter of Disabled American Veterans in Lawrence, American Legion Post 122 Methuen, Sampson AFB Veterans Fellowship, and a past member of the Sons of Italy Lodge 902, the Union of Italy Grand Club, and the American Water Works Association. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

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**Property Sales, Foreclosures for OCTOBER, 2017 in Andover, North Andover, Lawrence, & Methuen. From Northern Essex Registrar of Deeds M. Paul Iannuccillo
(All properties are listed in order; seller, buyer, address, and price.)**

ANDOVER

Donna D Troy Realty Trust, Violet & Robert Wittig, 3 Parthenon Cir., \$725,000.00
Stephen & Teresa Knott, Stephen Knott, 133 Lovejoy Rd., \$440,000.00
Jeffco Inc, Daniel & Johanna Faulkner, 9 Lovejoy Rd., \$1,060,000.00
Randy & Tina Farina, Barghavi Govindarajan, 18 Acorn Dr. , \$1,212,200.00
Randy & Tina Farina, Venkataramanan Soundararajan, 18 Acorn Dr. ,
Milford SBS LLC, John Caveney, 2 West Knoll Rd., \$435,000.00
Milford SBS LLC, Jacob Arnold, 2 West Knoll Rd.,
John Klipfel, Kevin &b Lindsay Reyes, 168 Lowell St., \$420,000.00
Demolady 5 LLC, Bridget Cook, 8 Chestnut St., \$795,000.00
Battista & Kathryn Remati, Christina McDonough, 4 Apache Avenue, \$595,000.00
Grant & Jamie Kennedy, Sidhartha & Anusuya Hazarika, 25 Brady Loop, \$722,500.00
Joseph Silvestro, Paul & Melissa Addezio, D3 Colonial Dr. Unit 3, \$105,000.00
Paula Marron & Susan Delande, Bin Wang, 53 Stevens St., \$320,000.00
Paula Marron & Susan Delande, Shao Yan Lin, 53 Stevens St.,
Laura Reed & Charles Koffman, Dennis Donegan, 77-79 High St., \$564,900.00
Laura Reed & Charles Koffman, Charlene Xialing Liang, 77-79 High St.,
Dena Hatden, Kristin Lummus, 60 Center St. Unit 1, \$197,000.00
Jill Houser, Pamela Pappalardo, & Brenda-marie Contreras, Michael & Laura Blake, 12 Canterbury St., \$530,000.00
Joseph Daniel Dipietro, Corey & Francis Ellis, 4 Pettingell Avenue, \$540,000.00
Robert & Lisa Maye, CSH Andover LLC, 139 Elm St., \$4,700,000.00
U S Bank N A TR, Raytheon Co, 60 Frontage Rd., \$8,150,000.00
Taylor Cove Development LLC, Wei & Kyoko Chen, 19 Taylor Cove Dr. Unit 28, \$689,900.00
Manju & Shylaja Nathan, Joan Hier, 108 Rattlesnake Hill Rd., \$729,900.00
Abbot Development LLC, Param Gill, 107 Abbot St., \$1,200,000.00
Abbot Development LLC, Ranjith Chandrasekar, 107 Abbot St.,
Pierre/Angell Realty Trust, Ahmet & Esen Ozalp, 7 Comanche Place, \$1,490,000.00
69 North St. LLC, Roshan Hissain, 2 Boardwalk Dr. Unit 2, \$579,900.00
69 North St. LLC, Nasreen Sultan, 2 Boardwalk Dr. Unit 2,
Antoni & Yolanda Jurkiewicz, Austin & Caralyn Stern, 9 Marie Dr. , \$760,000.00
Alosky Realty Trust, B & B Real Estate

Development LLC, 70 River Rd., \$330,000.00
James & Johannah Oh, Virgilio & Rosaria Bancarotta, 1 Alonesos Way, \$700,000.00
Kenneth & Regina Larose, Deanne Mcguinness, 53 Porter Rd., \$890,000.00
Porter Rd. Realty Trust, George & Phoebe Kwass, 10 Porter Rd., \$1,200,000.00
James Gioia, Andrew Fergus, 10 Flint Cir., \$550,000.00
James Gioia, Judith Kinley, 10 Flint Cir.,
Greg John, Brian Brown, 4 Bobby Jones Dr. Unit 1-2, \$805,000.00
Maria & Greg Alexandris, Dimitrios & Cori Saragas, 9 Prides Cir., \$2,500,000.00
Philip & Briana Snyder, Frank & Sarah Klock, 30 Highvale Ln., \$535,500.00
Maura O'Neil, Pinky Gosai, 22 RailRd. St. Unit 401, \$289,000.00
August Fan, Marilyn Burke, 174 Haverhill St. Unit 337, \$425,000.00
Baba Phatan & Pals Investments LLC, Sabha Banu Tameen-Mohammed, 450B Brookside Dr. , \$301,000.00
Steven April, Laura Waszak, 2 Princeton Avenue, \$365,000.00
Cabot & Kristin Lewis, Hacene Boudries, 37 Chester St., \$610,000.00
Benjamin & Whitney Collins & Whitney Cheshire, Daniel & Holly Fionte, 51 Carmel Rd. Unit Unit A, \$510,000.00
Brian & Victoria Susiak, David & Francesca Miles, 22 RailRd. St. Unit 208, \$286,500.00
David Devine & Linda Mason Smith & Simply Devine Realty Trust, Santosh Sankaran & Ranjani Gopal, 97 Tewksbury St., \$530,000.00
Devin & Lauren Kinney, Benjamin & Whitney Collins, 20 Wethersfield Dr. , \$660,000.00
Gregory Mason Drapeau, Chee Choong, 16 Balmoral St. Unit 103, \$274,000.00
Laurie Zimmerman, Daniel & Ashley Elliman, 58 William St., \$900,000.00
David & Janet Aldrich, Jeffrey Laroche & Kelly IP, 81 Cross St., \$639,900.00
Steven & Lynne Dodge & Lynne Dodge Family Trust, Michael Daly, 3 West Hollow, \$1,600,000.00
Douglas Nebel & Deborah Lenzi, Mukumbi Brown, 53 Cross St., \$605,000.00

LAWRENCE

Griselda Mendez, Belkys Ramos, 7 Oakland Rd., \$310,500.00
Griselda Mendez, Jose Reyes, 7 Oakland Rd.,
Bernarda Cardenes, Griselda Mendez, 7 Leeds Terrace, \$365,000.00
Mercedes Solano, Julio Dejesus, 434 South BRd.way, \$250,000.00
Gregory Anderson, Kenneth Bergeron, 244 Mount Vernon St. Unit 5, \$115,000.00
Wady Ortega, Pedro Arias, 30A Eutaw St. Unit A, \$197,500.00

Michael & Jennie Coutris, Daher Group Inc, 41 Pleasant St., \$240,000.00
Apolinar Mejia, Altagracia Hernandez, 262 East Haverhill St. Unit 9, \$110,000.00
Hildo Compres, Kersten Theberge, 90 Greenfield St., \$245,000.00
Hugo Castro, Luis Gudiel, 15-17 Congress St., \$300,000.00
Combined Saratoga St. Realty LLC, Emanuel Cabrera, 87 Saratoga St., \$310,000.00
Peter Aznoian, Peter Chan, 524-526 South Union St., \$487,500.00
Lisa Dichiarra, Edgardo Rodriguez, 24 Stor-row St. Unit L, \$200,000.00
David & Ana Estrella , Joel Delacruz, 17-19 Ohio Avenue, \$390,000.00
Noel Santiago & Stella Evans, Luis Valdez, 42 Nesmith St., \$277,000.00
Teresa Cabrera & Pedro Cruz, Joanna Infante, 16 Middlebury St., \$299,900.00
Alixandra Baez & Jose Morel, Diny's Diaz, 46-48 Arlington St., \$380,000.00
Alixandra Baez & Jose Morel, Rafael Arias, 46-48 Arlington St.,
Samuel & Mary Kalil, Kelvin Martinez, 556-558 South Union St., \$310,000.00
Nunez LLC, Luisabely & Christina Lugo, 64 Newbury St., \$320,000.00
Rosa Rosado, A&A Property Management LLC, 12 Acton St. Unit 209, \$80,000.00
Hiep Le & Tu Tran, Erika Lara, 206 Boxford St., \$273,000.00
Lieu Do, Lourdes Gonzalez, 206 A-B Park St., \$325,000.00
Lieu Do, Felipe Pena, 206 A-B Park St.,
Esteban Mena, Flavia & Benjamin Medina, 28 Montgomey St., \$302,000.00
Daher Group Inc, Jose Correia, 5-7 Glenn St., \$418,500.00
Daher Group Inc, Carmen Dejesus, 5-7 Glenn St.,
Nicholas & Jennifer Lussier, Whitney & David Macdonald, 18 Cutler St., \$345,000.00
Sirron Development LLC, Carolina Calle, 32 Kent St., \$425,000.00
Sirron Development LLC, Fredy Alvarez, 32 Kent St.,
Ithaca Finance LLC, Kim Stevenson, 23-25 Pleasant St., \$116,400.00
Thomas & Mark Sullivan, North Shore Receivership & Development LLC, 538 Andover St., \$80,000.00
Ana Rosario & Pedro Ulloa, Simona Sanchez, 41 Summer St., \$445,000.00
Carlosn Martinez, Jesus & Luz Echeverry, 260 East Haverhill St. Unit 16 , \$117,000.00
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Barbara Eddy, Efrain Delacruz, 38-40 Jamaica St., \$250,000.00
William & Barbara Sullivan, Natalino Alves, 46 Kendall St., \$245,000.00
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Albert Maciariello, LC Properties LLC, 35-37 Floral St., \$79,000.00
William Realty LLC, Alexander Lora, 73-75 Shawsheen Rd., \$427,000.00
Matthew Oneil, Beatrice Guzman, 87 Jamaica St. Unit 3, \$164,900.00
Elizabeth Almonte, Altagracia Zabla-Brea & Marina Brea, 133 Olive Avenue, \$267,500.00
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Robert Buco, Jonathan Soto, 58 South Bowdoin St., \$289,900.00
Jeffrey & Chrystal Pennisi, Sandra Martinez, 132 Bowdoin St., \$265,000.00
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Apolinar Mejia & Raquel Ortega, Maria Suero, 212 Bruce St., \$320,000.00
Gloria Pineda , Roberto Fernandez, 640 Haverhill St., \$303,000.00
Leonard Blum, Jeffrey Castillo, 116-122 Bradford St., \$510,000.00
E & G Realty Trust, Jose Manuel Arias, 101 Bennington St., \$329,000.00
Diverse Real Estate LLC, Gabriel Lopez, 355-357 Water St., \$290,000.00
Leonard Foley & Michelle Lehoux, U S Bank Trust N A TR, 22 Ridge Rd., \$209,618.27
Nelson Jaime, Yanell Abreu, 7 Kendall St., \$140,000.00
Saram Saroeun, Arianny Arias, 9-11-13 Springfield St., \$300,000.00
Kyrillos Inc, Chen Holdings Co LLC, 171 South BRd.way , \$350,000.00
AG&J Realty Trust, Adalgisa Fernandez, 81 East Haverhill St., \$280,000.00
AG&J Realty Trust, Raysa Pepin, 81 East Haverhill St.,
Corey & Frances Ellis, Gregory Mignosa, 3 Dunstable St., \$290,000.00
Corey & Frances Ellis, Colleen Hebert, 3 Dunstable St.,
419 Lowell St. Realty Trust, Jorge Gabin, 419 Lowell St., \$371,900.00
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Janet Picard, Jose Adames & Gabriel Garcia, 15 Hudson Avenue, \$140,000.00
Odalis Caraballo, David Hernandez, 59 Cross St., \$343,000.00
German & Magdalena Galvan, Pedro Perez-Jorge, 272 East Haverhill St. Unit 5, \$121,600.00
Leonard Blum, Yanelys Martinez, 303-305 Prospect St., \$807,000.00
Marion White, Sharon Castillo, 15 Crestshire Dr. , \$267,000.00
Isaac Chicas, Heidy Paredes, 395 Howard St., \$400,000.00
Joyce McMurray, Sergio Martinez, 25 Logan St. Unit 1, \$75,000.00
Lee Nodine, Nicholas English, 12 Lenox Cir., \$280,000.00
Walter Kobrzynski & C Z C Kobrzynska Realty Trust, Johanne Frias, 16 Avon St. , \$285,000.00
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Bienvenida Javier Ercilia Sanchez, Luis Javier, 32 Adler St., \$250,000.00
Mark & Anne Palmer, Janill Aquino & Domingo Munoz, 58 Bigelow St., \$428,000.00
Johanny Catalino, Sergio Martinez, 25 Logan St. Unit 3, \$95,000.00
William & Mercedes Spindler, Maria Mejia, 20 Boehm St., \$227,000.00
Clayton & Veronica Morris, Carmen Herrera, 38 Greenfield St., \$195,000.00
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David & Judith Hajjar, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, 42 Oneida St., \$207,000.00
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Vilmar & Keityane De Araujo, Kathie Andrade, 193 East St., \$399,000.00
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Edgar Torres-Ramos, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, 204 Lowell St., \$317,440.00
Makeover Pros LLC, Augusto & Remo Saccoccio, 20-22 Ashland Avenue, \$425,000.00
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Nelson Done & Isely Naveo, Juan Lopez, 8-10 Ashton Place, \$445,000.00
Mark & Jennifer Kobrenski, Wells Fargo Bank N A, 356 Hampshire Rd., \$223,750.00
Gary & Rose Miele & Gayle Robinson, Jose Perez, 66-68 Larchwood Rd., \$353,000.00
Steven & Paula Norton, Juan Cepeda, 10 Temple Dr. , \$428,000.00
F Gallo Lawn Care, Felipe & Kimberly Romero, 51 Benefit St., \$452,650.00
Matthew & Elisha Baker, Eguene & Yattah Jallah, 10 Madison St., \$294,520.00
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Eric & Matthew Jablonski, Eduardo & Martha Figueroa, 242 Howe St., \$360,000.00
Cindy Callahan, Raymond & Heidi Roy, 19 Sable Run Ln., \$535,000.00
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Anthony Perone, Century Builders Inc, Fairview Avenue, \$150,000.00
Norman Richardson, Romie Lacefield, 28 Ashland Avenue, \$254,900.00
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23 East St. Realty Trust, Lyndia Popp, 23 East St., \$349,000.00
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Wilmington Savings Fund Society TR, Victor Rivera, 36 Morrison Court, \$255,000.00
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Jenmar Property LLC, Julian Molina, 44 Kenwood Rd., \$299,121.00
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Maliaros Family Nominee Trust, Sandra Maliaros, 15 Brandee Ln. Unit 23, \$103,000.00
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Fred Cotreau & John Canney & C & C Realty Trust, 15 McGrath LLC, 15 McGrath Rd., \$385,000.00
Bank of New York Mellon TR, George Chaya, 168 Maple St., \$225,600.00
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Upkar Singh & Ramneek Kaur, Jean Chamoun & Marlene Aoun, 45 Maple Ridge Rd., \$528,000.00
GMAT Legal Title Trust 2013-1, Arielys & Dinoris Perez, 2 Elm St., \$150,000.00
Steven & Jessica Ptman, Leland & Ohana Patterson, 346 Lowell St., \$257,000.00

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Philomena Pezzella , Susan Wambold, 1 Riverview Boulevard Unit 9-201, \$248,000.00
Michael & Kelly Mammola, Brian Dlaton & Alexandra Meier, 7 Seneca St. , \$320,000.00
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SMS Financial XXXI LLC, Ursine 2011 LLC, 226 Merrimack St., \$285,000.00
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Paul & Amy Martins & Amy Poirier, Eleuterio & Zoila Polanco, 12 Vista Cir., \$411,000.00
Brooke Eklund, Jessica Perkins, 21 Hampshire Rd. Unit 21-103, \$190,000.00
Paula Diaz, Delvys Perez & Carolina Severino, 11 Tenney St., \$480,000.00
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O'Brien Homes Inc. , Agnes Namayanja & Olivia Kamy, 261 Forest St., \$369,900.00
Anthony & Donna Barretto, Richard Santana & Angela Pena, 12-14 Forest St., \$525,000.00
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Joan Scanlon, Alberto Goncalves, 40 Edgelawn Avenue Unit 4, \$192,000.00
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Heather Lewis Doyle, Felicia Shaman, 213 High St. Unit 1, Ronald Cuscia, Rebecca Veilleux, 1401 Great Pond Rd. Unit 6, \$270,000.00
Anerio & Florence Cincotta & Lisa Robinson, Muhammad & Farida Malik, 25 Farrwood Avenue Unit 2, \$190,000.00
Elmcrest Nominee Trust, Eramo Realty Trust, 101-103 Elmcrest Rd., \$193,300.00
Steven & Cathy Barrasso, James Deoliveria, 72 Farrwood Avenue Unit 5, \$175,000.00
Daniel & Dawn Morrison, Timothy & Jennifer Sullivan, 238 Middlesex St., \$432,000.00
Stephen & Barbara Bessette, Wilson & Migaury Rodriguez, 1929 Salem St., \$635,000.00
Bryan Curley & Gretchyn Gallagher, Bank of America NA, 5 Union St., \$100,000.00
Jason & Tiffany Harding, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, 414 Foster St., \$346,875.00
Key-Lime Inc, Mario Grasso Jr., 80 Mayflower Dr. Unit 12, \$482,650.00
Michael Ryley, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, \$421,000.00
BJF Realty Trust, TKZ LIC, 80 Johnson St., \$125,000.00
TKZLLC, Enterprise Bank & Trust Co, 0 Johnson St. , \$429,750.00
Mar Ellen Langdon, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, 58 Park St., \$258,000.00
Citizens Housing & Planning Association, Amanda Matvichuk, 4 Harvest Dr. Unit 216, \$169,000.00
Amanda Matvichuk, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, 4 Harvest Dr. Unit 216, \$163,930.00
Christopher Frithsen, Paula Frithsen, 25 Fernview Avenue Unit 11, \$168,000.00
Paula Frithsen, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, 25 Fernview Avenue Unit 11, \$172,900.00
Steven & Marianne Langston, Michael & Jennifer Williams, 164 Mill Rd., \$585,000.00
Frank Cacciola, Jason Clark, & Timothy Campbell-Clark, Eric & Gabriel Raposo, 233-235 Middlesex St., \$450,000.00
Joseph & Monica Boghos, David & Renee Kelsen, 21 Parker St., \$568,500.00
Alfred & John Matthews, Daniel Mcgonagle, 38-40 Edgelawn Avenue Unit 38EL-12,

\$179,500.00
Colleen & William Mullally, Ryan & Cristina Parsons, 31 Dudley St., \$465,000.00
Donald & Debra Stanley, James Laurendeau, 465 Great Pond Rd., \$475,000.00
Donald & Debra Stanley, Kristen Robinson, 465 Great Pond Rd., Eugene & Susan Piacentini, Anthony & Maria Demarco, 62 Saile Way, \$1,480,000.00
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US Bank NA, Bread & Roses Housing Inc, 13 Annis St., \$300,000.00
William Smith, Sadia Iffate, 25-27 Wiley Court, \$510,000.00
William Smith, Nur Habiba, 25-27 Wiley Court, William Smith, Nilufar Sultana, 25-27 Wiley Court, Maureen Hanawalt, Teresa Scalzi, 32 Church St. Unit 32A, \$282,000.00
Robert Iovanna, David Keating, 70-72 Fernview Avenue Unit 72FV-1, \$180,000.00
David & Nancy Schmehl, Stephanie Rae, 135 Coachmans Ln., \$670,000.00
Barry Doherty, James Hannon, 2 Harvest Dr. Unit 108B, \$272,500.00
Steven Ricketts, Lan Tuyet Truong, 54 Kara Dr. , \$811,000.00
Lauren & Christopher Kearney, Joseph Souza, 180 High St., \$390,000.00
Stephen Rye, Jason & Amy Buelow, 650 Osgood St., \$835,000.00
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Betty J Carpenter Revocable Trust of July 21 2015, Karen Sheehy 1999 Family Trust, 35 Copley Cir., \$610,000.00
HSBC Bank USA N A TR, Vincent Janol-lari, 13 Walker Rd. Unit 13-12, \$125,000.00
Michael & Christine Rice, Eric Lister, 95 Campbell Rd., \$404,900.00
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in FY16 sales of the game it replaced, Jackpot Poker.

FY16's record-setting sales figure was bolstered by a sequence of Powerball jackpots that culminated with a U.S. Lottery record \$947.9 million jackpot, followed by a world-record jackpot of \$1.586 billion. Those two drawings alone attracted over \$56.8 million in sales in Massachusetts in FY16. Powerball sales for FY17 totaled \$117.3 million, a \$47.2 million decrease from FY16's figure.

"The successful launch of the All or Nothing game and the growth of our KENO to-go product, both of which are complemented by a mobile app that allows players to watch drawings on a smartphone or tablet, played a significant role in offsetting the decreases in instant ticket and Powerball sales and helping us return an unprecedented level of profit," said Michael Sweeney, the Lottery's Executive Director. "This achievement is the result of a collaborative effort that includes the Treasury, our commissioners, our dedicated Lottery workforce, and our retail partners throughout the Commonwealth."

While the FY17 figures have not been formally audited, the Lottery does not expect them to change substantially once that annual review process is complete. Lottery officials anticipate completing the finalized financial statement of operations by mid-September.

The Massachusetts State Lottery was created in 1972 to generate much-needed local aid revenues for the Commonwealth's cities and towns. Since its inception, the Lottery has returned more than \$25 billion in net profit to the Commonwealth. For more information about the state Lottery, please visit www.masslottery.com.

Mr. Tom Brady and Jesus Christ

Peter Larocque
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

What do Mr. Tom Brady and Jesus Christ have in common? Well, they both have Best Selling Books and they both participated in fantastic comeback events. Let's handle Mr. Brady first.

As I am sure you are all well aware of The 2017 Super Bowl comeback win for the New England Patriots verses the Atlanta Falcons. Mr. Tom Brady and The Patriots pulled off a Historic comeback to win in overtime 34-28. Mr. Tom Brady and The Patriots erased a 28 to 3 lead in the final 18 minutes of regulation and won in the First Super Bowl to ever require overtime!

Next there is Mr. Tom Brady's book, for full disclosure, I have not personally purchased or read this book, "The TB12 Method: How to Achieve a Lifetime of Sustained Peak." My comments concerning Mr. Brady's book are solely based on reviews I heard from Boston Sports Radio. I am not making any recommendations good or bad on whether anyone should purchase Mr. Brady's book. I do however believe that Mr. Tom Brady will go down in history as one of the best, if not the best, quarterback of all time!

According to what I heard on Boston Sports Radio from those who have taken the time to read the book all the way through, the book is a good read. But they also said to really achieve "a Lifetime of Sustained Peak" as Mr. Brady describes, one has to be very financially well off to follow the TB12 Method without making any deviations. The average middle income guy would have to make major adjustments on the TB12 Method. So in reality the goal of "Lifetime Sustained Peak" is not available to everyone due to the fact that some people simply cannot afford the TB12 Method and therefore are disqualified from that which Mr. Brady has achieved for himself.

Now let's take a look at Jesus Christ's Comeback! Jesus' comeback just so happens to be written in the book that is about Him which is the Holy Bible! The Apostle Peter said of Jesus in Acts 10:38-39, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:" Jesus always did the will of His Father and that eventually meant that Jesus would give himself over to be crucified and die for the sins of mankind. But that my friend

is not the end of the story. Peter went on to say in Acts 10:40, "Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;" That's right! God Raised Him from the Dead! The grave could not hold Him! Peter, later wrote in 1 Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," We read also in Hebrews 10:12, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;" All born-again believers benefit abundantly because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the Greatest Comeback of All Time orchestrated by God Himself! The blessings from this one act are limitless and nobody is disqualified!

The method for achieving this New Life is found in Romans 10:9-10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

The way to achieving Eternal Salvation is by making Jesus Christ the Lord of your life! If you have not taken that step yet, may I encourage you to do so now, why wait any longer?

With Mr. Tom Brady's method you may achieve a "Lifetime of Sustained Peak," but only if you can afford it, which in the end, through no fault of Mr. Brady, some will be disqualified. What does that leave you? Mr. Tom Brady's Super Bowl comeback victory has only a sporting entertainment value. It begins and ends as a game!

On the other hand, Jesus Christ's comeback victory from the grave has had an impact on everyone who chooses to become a born-again believer, disqualifying no one and has everlasting value in this life and the next!

As we approach the Thanksgiving Season, let's rejoice and be thankful for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ which causes us to have Victory through Jesus Christ! In 1 Corinthians 15:55-57, we read "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Day Holiday! Love to you and your Family!

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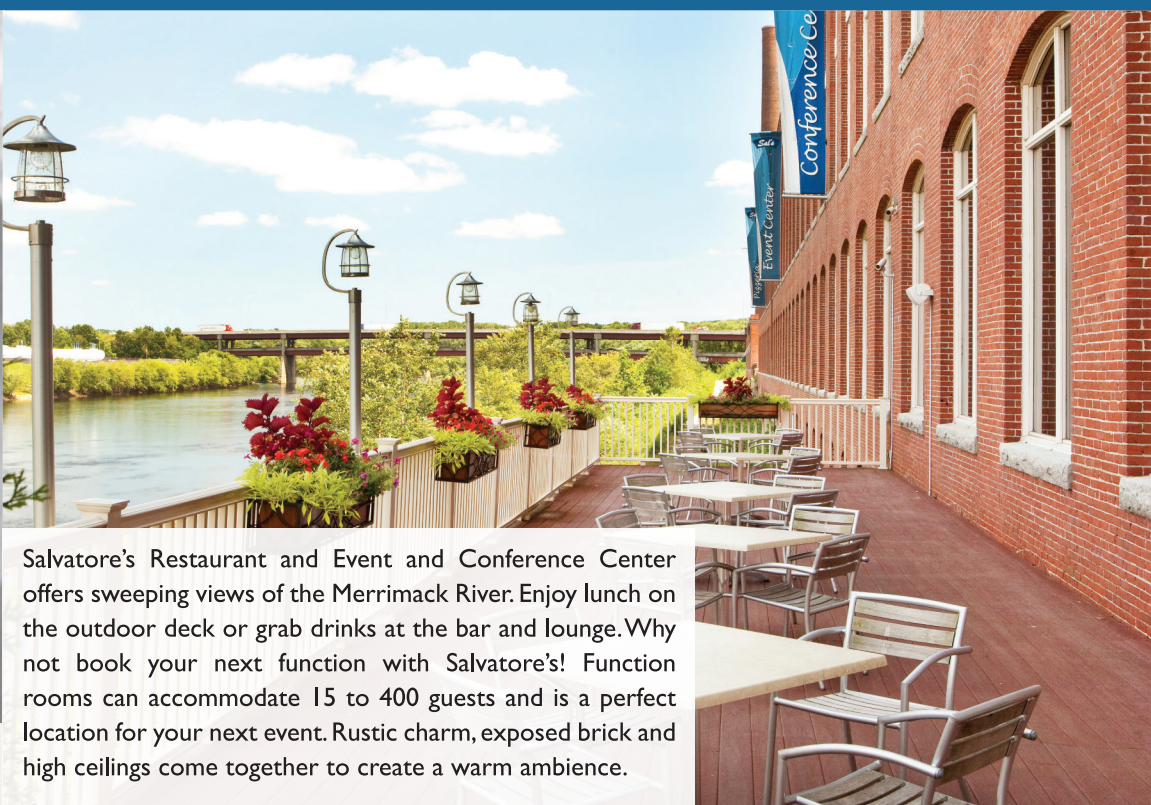


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